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CAREY VETOES BASS BILL

HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	8:15	8:25	9:04	9:20	8:59	9:08	9:49	9:58	—	12:19	11:42	11:54	8:05	8:23	8/3
FRI.	8:54	9:01	9:42	9:55	9:38	9:46	10:26	10:36	12:16	12:41	—	12:17	8:45	9:02	8/4
SAT.	9:30	9:36	10:17	10:30	10:16	10:18	11:03	11:12	12:30	12:50	12:30	12:53	9:25	9:41	8/5
SUN.	10:07	10:12	10:53	11:06	10:52	10:52	11:41	11:49	12:56	1:19	1:06	1:28	10:05	10:20	8/6
MON.	10:46	10:47	11:31	11:41	11:27	11:22	—	12:20	1:30	1:54	1:41	2:05	10:45	10:58	8/7
TUE.	11:26	11:27	—	12:10	—	12:04	12:30	12:59	2:10	2:34	2:20	2:45	11:28	11:41	8/8
WED.	—	12:08	12:23	12:53	11:57	12:41	1:13	1:44	2:53	3:19	3:03	3:27	—	12:13	8/9
THUR.	12:11	12:57	1:05	1:41	12:36	1:25	2:00	2:35	3:40	4:06	3:49	4:14	12:28	1:03	8/10

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

8/4	5:56	8:15
8/9	6:01	8:09
8/14	6:06	8:02
8/19	6:12	7:55
8/24	6:17	7:47
8/29	6:22	7:39

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
8/4	8/11	8/18	8/25

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SOLUNAR TABLES
When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	4:30	11:15	5:00	11:35
Fri.	5:25	11:55	5:50	—
Sat.	6:10	12:25	6:40	12:45
Sun.	6:55	1:15	7:25	1:35
Mon.	7:50	2:00	8:10	2:25
Tues.	8:40	2:50	9:00	3:10
Wed.	9:25	3:40	9:50	4:05
Thurs.	10:20	4:30	10:40	4:55

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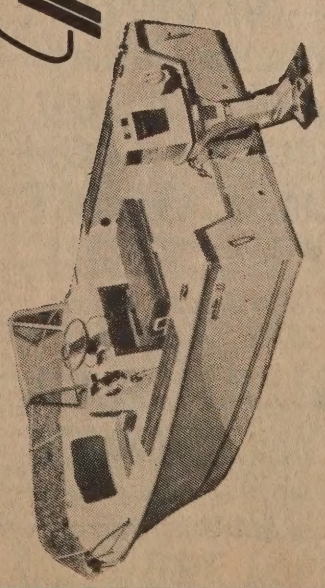

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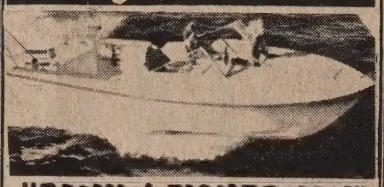
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CHUM LINES

WEEKDAY DISCOUNTS FOR DISABLED FISHERMEN?

In the Chum Lines section of the July 6 Issue appeared a suggestion that head boats provide disabled fishermen with a discount on weekdays. While you agreed with the concept, you wondered who would decide whether a person was disabled.

Most disabled people today are eligible for Social Security disability benefits. After two years, they are then also eligible for Medicare, regardless of age.

Social Security's determination should be sufficient to establish disability and the Medicare identification card could serve as proof to the head boat captain.

I can imagine no better therapy than a day on the water.

than a day on the water. **Armand DeLuca, Wayne, N.J.**

L.I.F. ON TARGET WITH SHARK STORY

Just a note of compliments to your staff on the fine journalism displayed in your July 6 issue regarding the great white shark.

As a member of the charter aboard the "Ebb Tide" on "White Friday," I was very pleased to discover that your article brought out the entire truth in the matter with no sensationalism or implication of hoax, unlike the so-called "class" news media such as The New York Times, Daily News, New York Post and others.

How some media, restauranteurs, and other charter captains can doubt the integrity and reputation of men such as John and Jim Sweetman, without even consulting them is, in my opinion, beyond reproach. Having fished with these men for years, I know that in no way would they even entertain a thought of partaking in a scam, as some publications would lead you to believe.

It is gratifying to see that responsible investigative journalism still does exist rather than the headline seekers and media hypes we have all been subjected to in the past. **Paul Horgan, Holtsville, NY**

L.I.F. UNFAIR TO FRANK MUNDUS

We, the undersigned, are writing this as a rebuttal to your editorial in the July 6, 1978 issue of your publication.

First, we would like it understood that we all like and respect Captain John Sweetman. We know John to be a fine fisherman, a good sportsman, and a man of unimpeachable integrity. It is unthinkable that he would have any part of a hoax. There is no way to definitely prove that the animal he harpooned was indeed a white shark, or whether it was a basking shark. This question is not the subject of this letter.

Our complaint lies with your treatment of Captain Frank Mundus in the last paragraph of your editorial, in which you condemn him for killing basking sharks for chum. You are correct in your statement that they are harmless, but so are mossbunkers which comprise most of the chum ground on Long Island. None of us can recall an instance of a boat or swimmer ever being attacked by hungry bunkers! Since when is it necessary for a fish to be a fierce man-eater in order to rate a harpoon? Generations of commercial swordfishermen would disagree with you. Captain Mundus uses every bit of the basking sharks he kills and wastes nothing. The fact is, Scott, that basking shark makes **excellent** chum. Frank rates it far superior to ground bunker. The last white shark he chummed up responded to this chum, and stayed for quite awhile although repeatedly refused a bait. You can't buy basking shark chum. If you want to use it, you have to find a fish, "stick it," fight it, kill it, drag it home, butcher it, and finally grind it yourself. We don't know **any** other charter boat captain who would go through this kind of trouble and hard work to provide his customers with the best possible chance at a decent fish.

You chide him to buy his chum ..."like everyone else in the world." Captain Mundus has been in business for over thirty years. He has **always** ground his own chum from whatever was available: bunkers, herring, etc. Where is it written that a man cannot save a buck for himself if he is willing to work for it? Never forget that he is a "man of the sea," whose whole life has been taken up by both sport and commercial fishing. He is not a plumber or electrician supplementing his income or pension by chartering as are many of Montauk's so-called "professionals." It seems as if the entire seaboard has suddenly become alive with shark "experts." They all talk a great game, but where are the monsters? We know of only one white shark over 1,000 pounds caught at Montauk that was not taken on the Cricket II. (Ted Monell's.) In his career, Frank Mundus has put six of these fish on the dock! Harpooning a fish is no great accomplishment: landing one is a whole different story.

Captain Sundberg may be in your words ..."the best shark man on the East Coast," but we doubt it. The best would have had a length of cable behind the dart to prevent a large shark from chafing or biting through the warp. We don't doubt that he stuck a very large fish in 1975, but we don't understand why he did so when he knew that he had virtually no chance of landing him without cable.

Unfortunately, the fish probably died soon after from the two harpoon wounds. **Jim "Pappy" Frey, Harry Hoffman, Paul D'Angelo.**

We stand corrected on one of your points, and agree that Frank has the right to grind his own chum.

GOV. CAREY VETOES 26" BASS BILL

(Albany News Release)

Governor Hugh L. Carey announced last week that he had vetoed a bill that would have prohibited the taking of striped bass less than 26-inches long. The minimum length remains at the present 16-inches.

"This bill is piecemeal and premature, because a cooperative Striped Bass Sub-Board representing the federal government and states from North Carolina to Maine is studying the issue and expects to make recommendations within the year," Governor Carey said. "New York State should not act alone in acting on an issue that actually involves many states within the range of the migratory fish."

The Governor said he is aware of the debate between sportfishermen and commercial fishermen. "They disagree on whether there is over-fishing and whether the increase in legal catch size would be effective," Governor Carey said. "The commercial fishermen contend that their livelihood is at stake and point out that in Maryland, where the fish spawn, the legal size limit is 12-inches from gill to tail.

"In view of the disagreements, and the fact that the issue is under study by the states and the federal government all along the Eastern Seaboard, I must disapprove this bill."

The Governor noted that similar bills failed to pass the Assembly in previous years because of the efforts of the current Assembly minority leader.

"The Assemblyman apparently didn't try very hard this year," Governor Carey said. "There were only seven votes against the measure in the Assembly."

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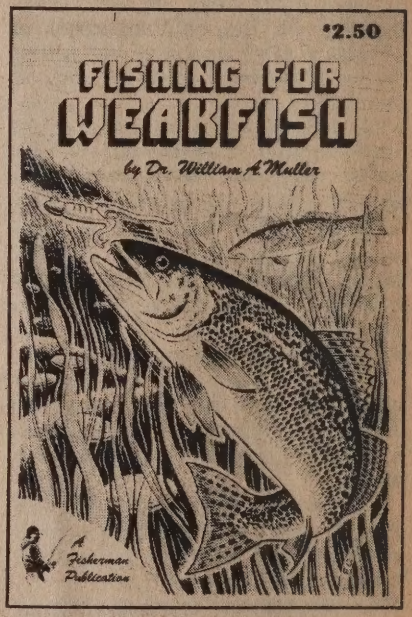

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The commercial fishing season for Atlantic bluefin tuna weighing between 14 and 115 pounds round weight and caught by purse seines was closed at 8:00 p.m., June 30, according to the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Terry L. Leitzell.

The 1978 bluefin tuna regulations published in the "Federal Register" on June 21, established a purse seine quota of 1,000 short tons for fish weighing between 14 and 115 pounds. Of the 1,000 short ton quota, 800 tons were available for capture during the open season, and 200 tons were reserved for havest incidental to conducting a scientific bluefin tuna tagging project. The closure announcement is based on the capture of the 800 tons which were available for capture during the open season.

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Surf Side with Gerald Hahn

DRIFTING FROM THE SURF

Before you think that madness has set in among writers of fishing articles, let me begin by stating that during the latter part of the summer and into fall, Long Island Sound provides some excellent bottom fishing, as well as an opportunity to catch predators. Gaining access to a north shore beach, however, can be a problem. Many areas require town stickers for parking or are privately maintained and off limits. A few State Parks, e.g., Sunken Meadow and Wildwood are possible, but only in the daytime. After Labor Day, many areas lift their restrictions. For summer fishing, I found that packing up a little early on hot and hitless days, and doing a little 'exploring' helps. Select an area and drive around with a half-way decent map and you will find a few accessible and good fishing spots all along the Sound. Once you find a likely stretch of beach, it is wise to examine it at low slack water. Make a note of potential feeding spots: sand bars, dropoffs, mussel beds and rocks. Although many huge boulders in the water remain visible at all times, other rocks are covered during the incoming tide. Elsewhere, you may find washed up mussels on the beach after a period of rough weather; a good sign that fish may be within casting range.

Rather than waste a good part of the day fishing under a blazing sun, you should determine when high tide occurs at dawn or dusk—period of great feeding activity. Bottom fishing is slow, often dead, a few hours before and after low slack. The water level drops from six or seven feet nearby to two or three feet and the shore line may recede about thirty feet, combining with 90° weather to drive most species offshore, out of casting range. If you arrive about an hour before high tide, you will notice that the water continues to flood for a period after the high tide listing. "High Tide" is a general figure for an area and refers to the mean water level, not to the culmination of the flood.

You can continue fishing for the first two hours after high slack—plenty of time. Even with the right tides and hours, it may not be wise to fish the Sound. Strong northerly winds are usually a wipe-out; you will catch enough lettuce to feed Long Island, but no fish. The best fishing days are those with southerly, SW or SE breezes. Many parts of the north shore beaches are backed up by rising cliffs which block southerly winds, leaving the water flat or mildly rippled.

Now that you found your spot and arrive there at the best hours, you set up and cast your rig with a seven foot rod, matching reel, and ten pound test. You wait a few minutes and turn the reel handle a bit to move the bait. A snag occurs instantly and in an attempt to free the rig, you break the line. Leave such gear for bank fishing in creeks or shallow bays. For the Sound, a light nine foot rod and matching reel filled with twenty pound test is better. It may seem absurd to use such heavy gear for one pound porgies, small blackfish or sea bass, but all of them can break you off on the mussel beds or barnacle-covered rocks—that is, if you don't do it yourself on the weeds and spongy coral.

For late summer, a good all-purpose hook to use is the smallest bait holder you can get. It is strong enough to hold the largest humpback, as well as a blackfish or sea bass, most of which are about a pound. It will also hold your best bait—the sand worm—on its barbs. Be careful when buying pre-snelled bait holder hooks; many are tied with lightweight leader material which can also tear apart when you snag. Tie your own or select those with twenty or thirty pound test. Most surf fishermen tie two twelve inch snelled hooks together: one loop to the middle of the other leader, and clip them onto a snap swivel along with the sinker. This rig works pretty well, but often results in seaweed covered hooks. I prefer a modified hi-lo arrangement because it cuts down on the frequency of snags and keeps the bait just as readily within the feeding zone. I rig it up with some variations.

Cut an eighteen inch length of leader material of the same test as the leaders on your hooks. Tie an end loop on one end and put on a two or three ounce bank sinker (depending on weather and water conditions, you may have to increase weight). Tie the other end of the leader to a three-way swivel, connecting leader and main line to it with clinch knots. With a dropper loop, I place the bottom snelled hook a little higher than normal, about six inches above the sinker. I then snell the second hook on a slightly shorter leader, about eight inches. This way I gain a few inches toward the bottom when this hook is looped onto the remaining eye of the three-way swivel. Altogether, the top hook will be about ten inches from the bottom hook and no more than sixteen inches from the bottom of the sinker. This rig, by increasing some distance at the bottom and decreasing at the top, keeps both hooks within reach of bottom feeders and minimizes the problem of rough terrain and snags. It also serves another purpose, "drifting" from the surf.

I learned a few things about porgies while fishing for them from a boat. The overall best way to catch porgies from a boat is to drift for them until they are located, and then—anchor and chum. Another method is to drift for them constantly, as for fluke. After all, you located them by drifting—why not continue this way? The results may be somewhat fewer porgy hits, but more hook-ups and less stolen bait. Drifting for porgies also increases possibilities for a mixed bag if you tie a high hook on a long leader. In the Peconics, for example, I can catch fluke, weaks and blues, in addition to porgies. Now in surf casting, you simulate fishing from an anchored boat by using sufficient weight on your rig to keep the bait on the bottom—but you cannot chum. I prefer to "drift" for them from the surf. First, I determine what minimum weight sinker will hold bottom on the incoming tide. For example, if a three ounce is adequate, I then replace it with one of two or two-and-a-half ounces. This causes the rig to move along the bottom. Snags are cut down, the bait stays close to bottom, and porgies frequently hit the top hook. In effect, the bait is "drifting" in a natural manner. The rig usually stops drifting at some point depending on the nature of the

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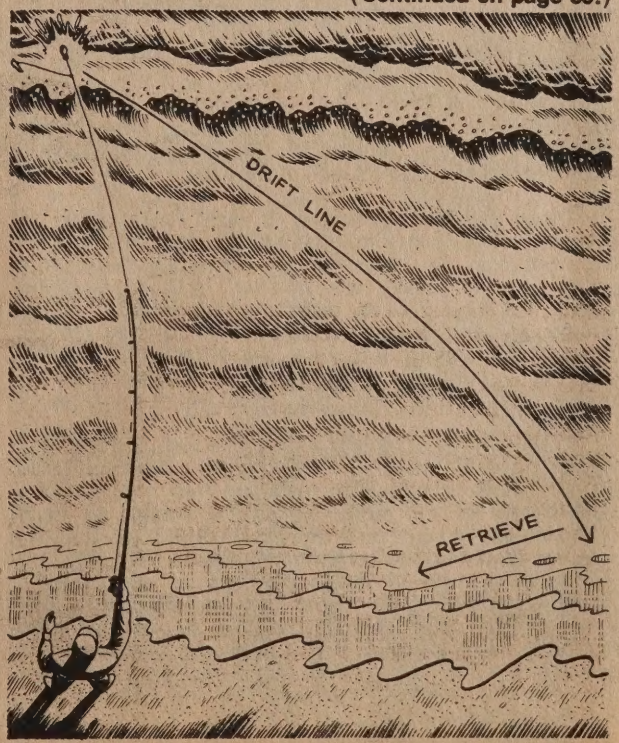

Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

CRABBING

Most sinker bouncers admit a preference for one fish over another. Some, let's say, would rather dunk bait for flounder instead of porgies; for others, perhaps sea bass prove more enticing than fluke. There are sinker bouncers who seek only blackfish each spring and fall and let the rest go by. In fact, I know one guy who won't wet a line all year long until winter codfishing time. So it goes; but there isn't one of these fellows who refuse to go crabbing when the opportunity presents itself. I don't think the allurement of enjoying one's self at practically no expense enters into it, because I know some crabbing fanatics who run some pretty good-sized boats—my long-time friend and fishing buddy, Artie Leidecker, for instance. But in Artie's particular case, I think it's more of a mutual admiration society, as he and the blue claw are of the same temperament: crabby as the name implies and grumpy as hell. Fortunately, crabbing can be enjoyed from shore as well as a boat. I think, however, that the boat fisherman does have the edge, although I've seen times when shore crabbers did much better than the guys in skiffs. So I leave the choice to you in this matter. You should get some sort of action with either method as long as you remember to keep away from areas harboring strong tidal currents. I have never had good crabbing where these conditions exist.

There are four popular crab-producing methods used by most fishermen and all work well when properly understood. You'll find crackerjack crabbers always suit their methods to existing conditions. For instance, those fellows who dote on scalping crabs from pier spilings and the like, know that a falling tide leaves much to be desired and that dead low is a wash-out. They have found it always best to wait until the tide is incoming and at least two hours high. By the same token, those fellows who like to ply long-handled nets to scoop surface-swimming crabs at night know that warm, windless conditions are necessary for this type of activity. From this you can see that even though crabbing may be low man on the totem pole as far as needed skills are required, some thought must be given to existing conditions.

The use of the crab trap is perhaps most popular for it is the only one of the four methods that allows the fisherman to actually spend his crab-waiting time fishing. The others always demand and call for the crabber's undivided attention. Let's look at the crab trap and its use first.

These can be purchased in any tackle shop or hardware store. Cost is minimal and for ease of operation and production, the fisherman is sure to get his money's worth. Double-headers are common in good crabbing waters, but at any time, more may be brought to the surface. My record is seven, which I've reached several times when crabbing in Lindenhurst waters. One fellow I know claims eight at one time from these same waters. I believe him, but how they all fit in that trap at one time I'll never know.

Directions for assembly are always included with the trap and takes but minutes to accomplish. When tying on the four short door-lines to the main line, I've found it always best to add an extra twelve inches to each measurement. If you don't, there is no guarantee that the sides will lie flat out on bottom. Needless to say, crabs are not clever enough to figure out how to get inside a partially-opened trap no matter how desperate they may be for the bait. One thing I've noticed, too, is that some directions fail to mention that it is always best to wire a weight of some kind to the floor of the trap; an eight or ten ounce sinker will do. This assures that the trap will land bottom side down and not on its side.

The main, or hauling line, should be soft and pliable, yet strong enough to withstand the trap's weight as it is being pulled to the surface. Avoid discarded washline and similar cordage. The bottoms of local bays are dotted with lost crab traps due to the use of salt-rotted washline. I would advise not to use heavy monofilament line. It will curl and snarl, causing no end of trouble throughout the day. I find it best to use nylon Venetian-blind cord. This will last for years, as it is impervious to saltwater deterioration.

Just about any type of fish will make good bait, particularly mackerel and mossbunker. A whole fish should be wired down securely and scored a few times to release the oils and odor into the current. This is what brings crabs on the run. Avoid using frozen sand eels and spearing. These are too soft when thawed and the crabs quickly tear it apart, leaving only the bare tie-down wires for the frustrated fisherman.

The crab trap's only disadvantage is that the fisherman must guess when he's got a possible victim working on his bait. Depending upon how plentiful blue claws are, the interval for hauling may range from five minutes to as much as a half-hour—although this latter time is really stretching it a bit. From personal experience, I'd say that ten minutes would be an average wait between lifts. But as noted before, there is really nothing lost by this for most fellows who use crab traps plan on putting in most of their time with rod and reel, anyway; those crabs they catch are considered a bonus. This is what I usually do, and I find it works out well.

It is important to use a crab trap in areas where it can be lowered into at least ten feet of water. This puts using a trap from a beach at a disadvantage. When the trap is cast out from shore into deeper water, it is apt to land on its side. Needless to say, crabs cannot enter no matter how much they wish to.

Of the methods used for crabbing, the use of a killie ring comes closest to actual fishing, for when correctly used the crabs can be fleet attacking the bait. The one pitfall for inexperienced crabbers is that they retrieve the line much too fast and often with erratic movements. This alerts the wary crab, and nine out of ten times it will let go at the halfway mark. The thing to do here is to gather the line slowly and with a smooth, uninterrupted flow of motion. Avoid jerky, quick movements. When retrieving is properly done, the crab will continue to hold on, on its way to the net.

The moment of truth comes when the fisherman attempts to get that net under the crab. (It is practically impossible to swing a free-hanging crab aboard or on land without the aid of a net.) Always get the crab within reach and carefully work the net from below. Here again, allow no quick actions on your part. Stealth is the watchword. All it takes is a little experience and a sixth sense will quickly develop. Even so, you won't land every one no matter how proficient you become. But that's par for the course and adds a little extra zing to the sport.

To make a killie ring, all that's needed is a length of soft line (no mono), a piece of medium-stiff wire about ten or twelve inches long, and a two or three ounce sinker. The sinker is put on first, centered, and then secured with a twist. The bait can be either a chunk of fish or several killies threaded on the wire as one would a string of beads. You'll find killies best. The ring's ends are then looped and hooked together, making a complete circle. Like the crab trap, killie rings work best where deep water is immediately available.

I think, though, that my favorite method of crabbing is "scalping." This is best accomplished by two fishermen in a skiff. One poles or rows along a group of spilings or the sides of a bulkheading, while the other watches for clinging crabs and attempts to scoop them in with an ordinary crab net. This takes a bit of finesse on the netter's part, for often when you scoop, the crab is not exactly where it appeared to be. You'll soon discover crabs have quick reflexes and sharp eyes. But as experience is gained, more crabs will go into the bucket. What I particularly like best about this method is that the chances

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NORTHEAST CONTESTS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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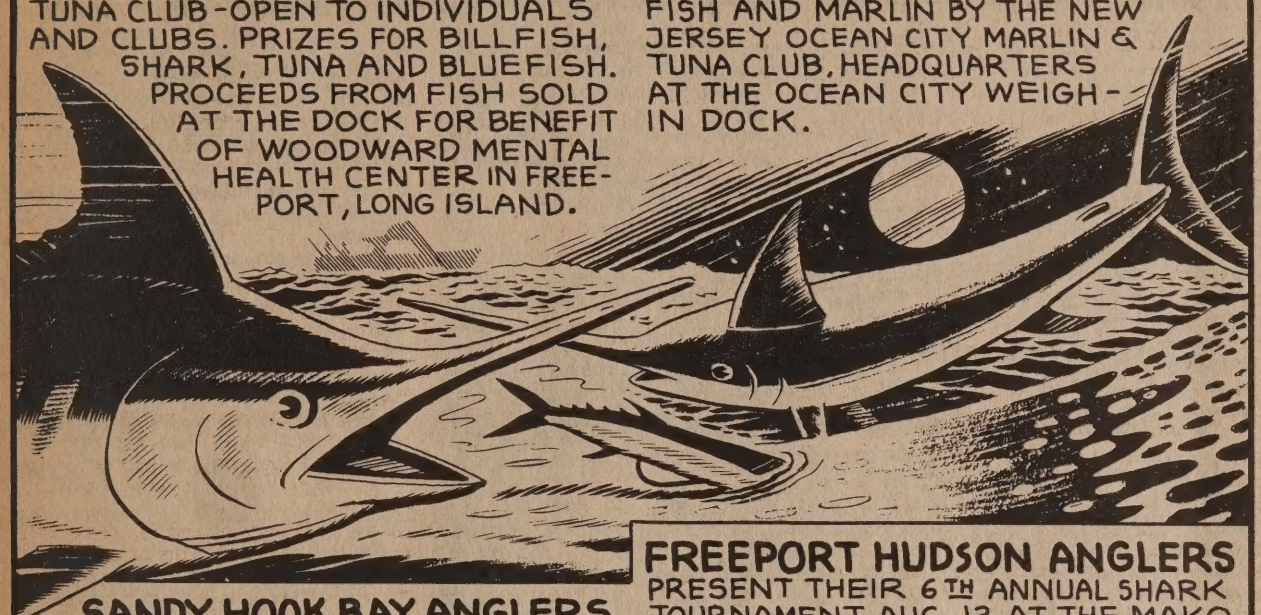

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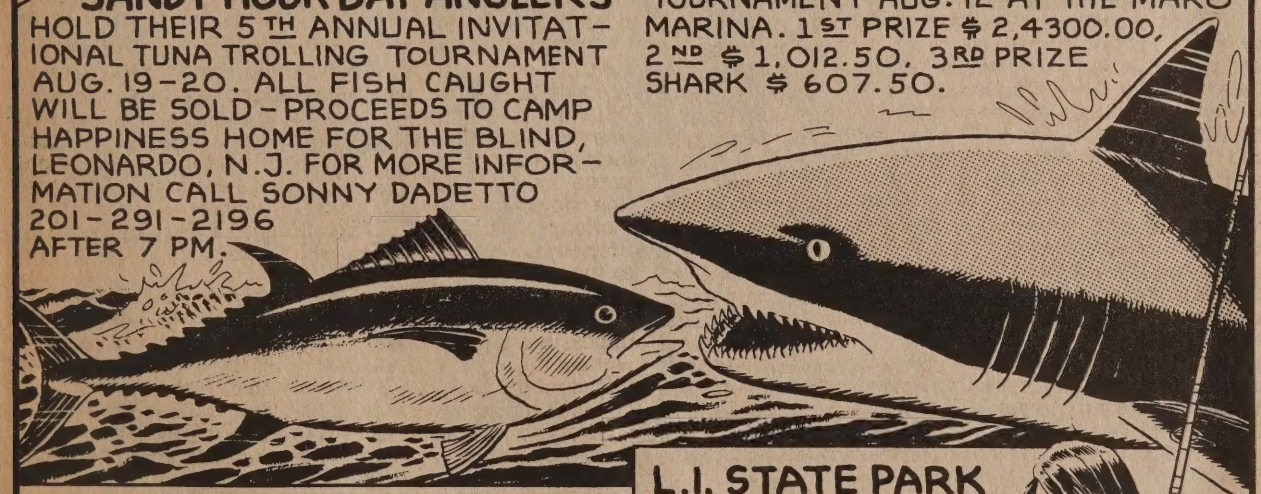

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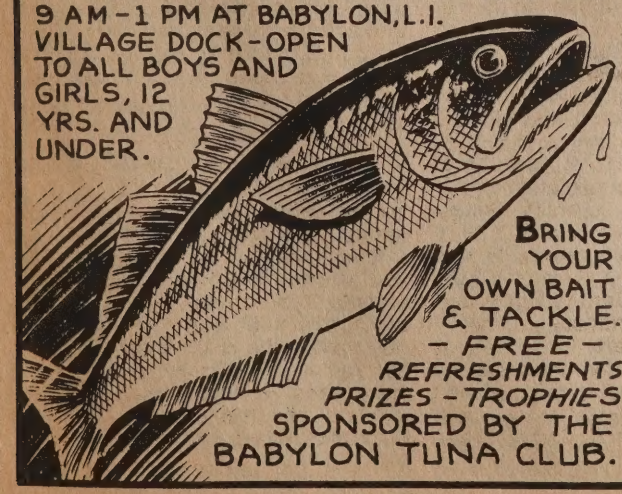

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AUG. 26 - SURF FISHING PART I

SEPT. 2 - SURF FISHING PART II... *BOTH AT HECKSCHER PARK ONLY.*

FISHERMAN INTERVIEW

DON MUSSO

Creator of *Super Strike Lures*

As Interviewed by Doc Muller

Don Musso, a master carpenter by training and profession, has been making plugs for quite a few years. Like many of us, Don was prompted to begin making his own plugs years ago because of rising prices and inconsistent quality. Then, too, he is quick to point out there is nothing like the thrill of catching a fish on a plug that you made. But that's where the similarity ends. For the majority of fishermen, the job of making good quality and consistent action plugs is beyond our abilities. There are a few guys who succeed, especially with easier plugs like the darter and once in awhile, a guy like Jack [The Professor] Frech comes along who has the persistence, skills, and disciplined time to both design and make a wide variety of plugs that he develops, not for the marketplace, but for the purpose of catching fish. This was Don Musso's purpose too, but before too long the demand for his plugs grew well beyond his ability to keep friends supplied. It was time to go into production.

The following is an interview that took place at Don's house where he still produces the product. It was my intention to find out something of the philosophy with which Don approaches his job and to find out how and why the plugs are designed the way they are. In the end, after loads of questions and gracious answers, the best testimony to the fish catching ability of the plugs lies in the fact that they are in great demand and last fall his plugs were THE thing at Montauk. The plugs are currently in only a limited number of stores. We have had many inquiries about where they could be purchased. They are sold at Kronich's Tackle Store, Merrick Marine, Larkfield Sports, Lon Wanser, and Santo's Tackle. Check our ads for addresses.

Q. When did you first start designing and making plugs?

A. You may find this hard to believe, but in 1962 I made a plug that looked and swam very much like the Rebel. It caught fish and the success encouraged me to try other designs. I wanted a plug that was buoyant, but with good balance so that it would cast.

Q. Did you reach a point where you knew exactly what you wanted out of your plugs?

A. Sure! After a little experimentation I realized that the key ingredients were a blend of castability and an active vibrating action. The positions of the hook, weights, and wood cuts have to conform to this idea.

Q. Could you explain what you mean?

A. Take the hooks, for example. On my plugs they are placed so that they won't hang up. Now you can't just set your hooks any old place; so you have to experiment with the positions of the weights so that when you place the hooks in an advantageous position that you don't lose either action or casting distance. You strive to strike a balance of these factors.

Q. All of your plugs are made with through-wire construction. How important is the position of the wire?

A. Very important. The wire must come out straight. If you are just a

Don Musso explains how these plugs will require several more layers of paint before they will look like the plug in his hands.

fraction of an inch either above or below the correct and planned for position, the plug's action is altered tremendously. These are the kind of details that most people can't take the time to standardize, yet it is essential if you want the product to have a consistent quality.

Q. Can you describe the ideal action you are looking for with your plugs?

A. I have designed plugs that produce a lot of vibrations. I'm convinced and I have been for many years, that plugs should produce a lot of vibration. Fish can pick up the vibrations from a good distance with their lateral line system and thus a plug that sends off a lot of vibrations will attract more fish and catch more fish. All plugs put out some vibrations, but I believe that many do not put out enough. Thus, it may be that unless you drag a "quiet" plug in front of the nose of a fish he may not know that it's there.

Q. Well, if you believe that noise is important, have you given any thought to loading your plugs with BBs?

A. Yes, when I saw how loaded plugs produced at Cape Cod, I decided to try and do it. Unfortunately, it is too expensive for me to do it right now with wood, but when I go to plastic, it will be feasible.

Q. How about Leo Cooper's Husky Dude? That plug puts out a lot of wiggle.

A. Some plugs do wiggle a lot. However, I do not simply design a plug with maximum wiggle. That would be easy, but it might not be the best thing to do. Again, balance is important. I strive to have a plug that wiggles with a two to three inch swing of the tail. If the swing is less than this, then I think that the action is unnatural and if the swing is greater than this, then the amount of vibrations that the plugs throws is not enough.

Q. How important is color?

A. Also very important. Color is, or can be, one of the most important factors. Fish may not be able to see color, but they can tell the difference between one color and the next.

Q. Is color also important at night?

A. A great many times, yes. Look, let me answer you this way. Last year at the Cape, yellow was worthless—can you figure that—with yellow so popular at Montauk? I know from experience that color makes a world of difference.

Q. How do you fish colors?

A. I always stick with white at the start. It is the most consistent producer. If white doesn't work, then I'll first switch to yellow, then blue, then green, and so on. The percentages are better if the fisherman sticks with basic colors. However, there are those times ...

Q. Yes, I've had my share of those times! How about the design of the metal lips for your swimming plugs?

A. I started with a variety of lips and I tested each one of them. When I found one that worked I had dies made so that every lip would be as close to identical as possible.

Q. What about the wood? Is the quality important?

A. Yes! You have to pick woods carefully. I go through the wood that I buy and discard all the pieces that don't make the grade either because of flaws or other inconsistencies that I don't like. Some American companies have had a lot of trouble when they had the plugs made overseas because the wood that was used wasn't any good. If the wood is of different density or quality, both buoyancy and action change.

Q. Okay! Weve covered color, wood,

wire, basic design objectives ... How do you make the plugs?

A. For consistency, all the plugs are made by hand, one at a time. The plugs are pre-drilled, weighted, and filled before they are turned down. It is easier to be exact if these things are done before the plug goes on the lathe. This was a lot easier to do before 1974 when I started to market "Super Strike" lures. This year, I'll make six models: the Little Neck Popper (TM); The Rattler (TM); The Little Neck Surface Swimmer (TM); The Torpedo Surface Swimmer (TM); The Torpedo Deep Swimmer (TM), and The Zig-Zag (registered). All of these will be produced in several sizes and in a variety of colors. In all, I expect to make about 4000 lures this year. With this kind of quantity produced out of a basement operation, I have had to develop exact production standards in order to make plugs that have consistent action.

Q. Do you have any plans to outgrow your basement operation?

A. Things have been moving right on schedule and I hope to be able to move the operation in the future. Right now, the demand is so great that I can't take on any more orders and I don't want to cut corners in order to make and sell more plugs, because the quality will suffer.

Q. Could you tell us something about the shape of the plug?

A. Both the front and the back of the plugs are tapered. This means that the buoyancy is centered and the plug can wiggle about a pivot point that is located at the center of the plug. I can use a smaller lip because of that design feature. For this reason the plug doesn't push as much water from side-to-side as it wiggles. Less water push, smaller lip, and greater casting distance.

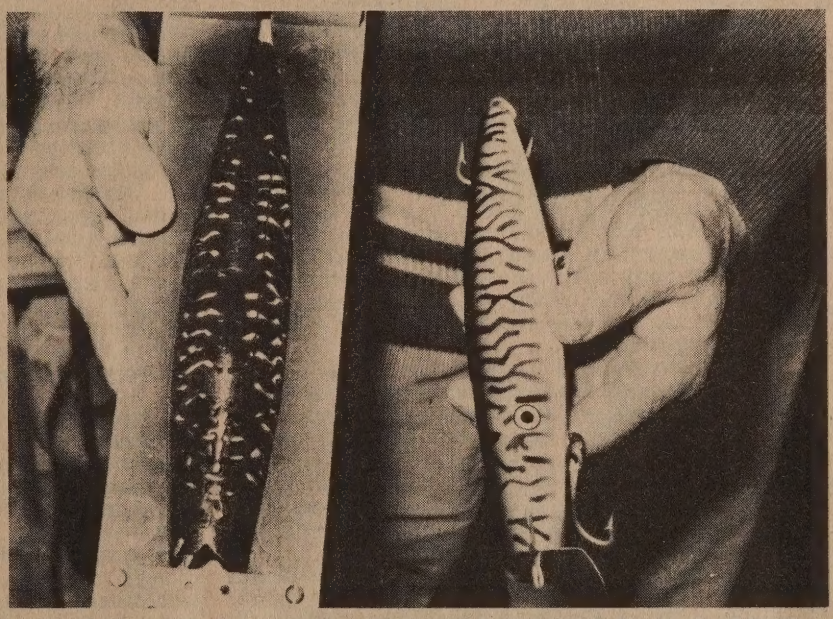
Q. What procedures do you use to finish the plug?

A. Again, I'm a stickler for detail. I dip seal the plugs with two coats of acrylic sealer and then two coats of epoxy paint are used. The last coat is clear epoxy. I think that because of all the layers of sealers and paint, the plugs are very durable. The swinging hooks are bound to tear up the plugs, but at least it won't happen immediately. The plugs are rugged!

Q. What kind of hardware do you use?

A. I use brass grommets and stainless steel wire. Some manufacturers use screw eyes, but I think that the through-wire is stronger and more reliable. Better hardware adds to the life of the plugs and through-wire with swivels makes it harder for the fish to get leverage against the plug and tear free. Let's face it: a quality plug has to be expensive because there are a lot of man-hours and a lot of high quality materials that go into the construction. We may have no choice about that, but if a guy spends a good buck, he has a right to expect that the plug will work consistently and that it will stand up to some punishment.

The plugs are drilled, weighted and epoxied before they are turned down on the lathe. The plugs are suspended *(above)* from a rack while the paint dries.



Don has developed a special painting template to achieve the mackerel finish on his swimming plug.

Q. Wood plug making is almost a lost art. Why?

A. Because plastic is better. Well, let me clarify that. Plastic can be better if the production methods are top drawer. There are a number of advantages to plastic. Wood plugs pick up water and this changes the action. With plastic, it is easier to be more consistent and exact if you take the time to try. Wood varies in weight no matter how careful you are when you select it; while plastic will be the same all of the time.

Q. If that's the case, why not switch to plastic?

A. I will when I can. As I said, plastic is only better when the manufacturer maintains quality production methods and good quality control. Good quality molds for making plastic plugs are extremely expensive and I'm not ready for this yet. I don't want to jump headlong into plastics now and settle for an inferior quality mold. That would defeat my original objectives and goals. I'm experimenting now with plastic because when I make the switch, I'll have to make adjustments in design and weight distribution in order to achieve the same action, since plastic is a whole 'nother animal. If I work on it now, then I'll be ready with a high quality lure when I'm ready to make the switch. In the meantime, I'll make them out of wood.

Q. It has been very interesting. I've heard these theories before, but you have shown us how you make them work. Thanks.

A. Thank you.

SHEEPSHEAD BLUES

Part Two—*BAIT*

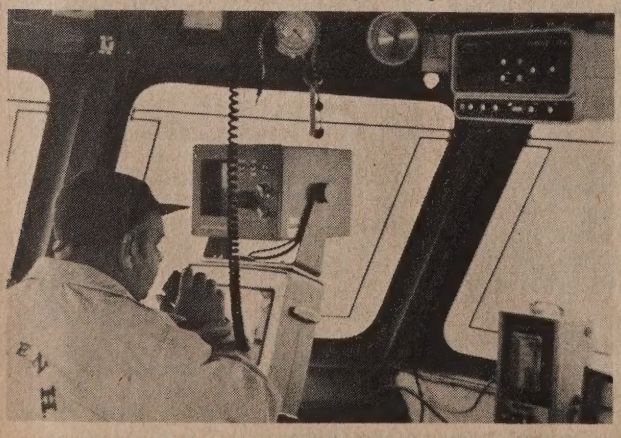
by Bruce Sucher

There are some excellent fishermen who refuse to fish for blues until the schools settle down and begin to respond to bait and chum. These anglers miss out on some fabulous fishing, but I can understand their attitude. Fishing with artificials can be a lot of work—especially when the blues are scattered. And there is no thrill like a bluefish pick-up on a properly presented piece of bait. Occasionally, the fish will feed indiscriminantly and everyone does well; but getting wary fish to hit and knowing when to set the hook can, at times, be considered an art form.

As with jig and Banana fishing, there are certain do's and don'ts—both in the equipment you'll be using and the way you will use it. If you've got the seven-foot medium action rod and the high speed reel I advised in the earlier article, then you're set. If the fish have decided that they want to eat artificials you can just clip off your hook and tie on a lure. But for bait fishing, just about any medium weight boat rod from five to seven-and-a-half feet in length will do. Also, there's no need for a high speed reel. Any good quality conventional reel with metal spool and sturdy star drag is fine. The ubiquitous Penn 60 and 65, used on most party boat rental rods will do the job. If you've got a few dollars leeway, the the Surfmaster 150 or 200 is perfect and the more expensive Squidder (140M) is a pleasure to use.

When I worked aboard a Sheepshead Bay bluefish boat, I saw an incredible array of tackle—everything from one-handed spinning gear loaded with forty pound Dacron to 6/0 sharking outfits. Somewhere between the two extremes there's a happy medium. If you don't feel qualified in making the choice yourself, then ask a competent friend, or go to a tackle shop that you trust. With the properly balanced tackle you'll catch more fish and get more pleasure while you're doing it.

A few seasons back I was watching an ill-equipped and inexperienced angler trying his best to nail a bluefish. He had a flounder rod and a plastic spool joke of a reel with no star drag. You know the kind: the handle cannot be disengaged and will turn in either direction. I offered to set him up with a rental rod, but he figured that as long as he wasn't going to catch anything, it might as well be with his own tackle. We were into the fish pretty good—nice blues from five to eight pounds. So out of (perverse?) curiosity I wanted to see how the fellow would handle a fish once he'd hooked it.



Captain Huck keeps in touch with the fleet and maintains a careful watch on a bank of fishfinders.

The boat wasn't crowded, so I jockeyed him into a good spot. Then I baited his hook with a choice piece of bait. I stood beside him and gave very exact instructions. When the fish hit I was prepared—but he wasn't. As the blue stripped off line his hand became a blur of reverse motion. He looked to me for help, but now it was up to him. The battle was fought long and hard, the outcome never certain until I sank the gaff into the fish. He was a middle-aged man, but his face lit up like a child's as I dropped the five pound fish to the deck. "So that's a bluefish," as he wiped the sweat from his face. I don't think I've ever seen someone work so hard for such a small fish. I had more fun than he did. Severely handicapped by his equipment, he was lucky to catch anything.

There's nothing quite so critical as the line you choose, so do it right the first time. Good quality pink mono is the best bet. I use twenty-five pound test, and know one pro who uses fifteen, but that's a little light for a party boat. If you have a quick-take-apart reel, then have one spool with twenty pound test and the other thirty, and adapt to the conditions. If the fish are few and far between go light; if they're thick, go with the thirty. If your reel is not a quick-take-down model, then carry some light line to use as a leader.

Now I know line weight makes a difference, but let me convince you. I saw an angler putting a severe dent in the bluefish population. The rest of the boat was slow picking, but every time I turned around, this nebbish was into a fish. I decided to find out what was going on, so I did a little investigating. He had a brand new fifty pound class trolling rod and a 4/0 reel. "This guy must be kidding," I thought to myself. Then I noticed that the reel was filled with twenty pound test mono. Now that makes some sense. I questioned him as to why he was using such light line on such heavy tackle. He replied that it was a present from his kids and it was his first time bluefishing. For someone who didn't know much, he sure caught a lot of fish. To further confirm the line question, there was a bozo using light spinning gear about thirty feet away. His ten pound test line would have been diagnosed by a hairdresser as having a case of terminal split ends—but he got a lot of hits. A few minutes after his bait hit the water, I'd watch his rod tip dip and then straighten as the line parted. The drag on the little reel was jammed, so I could offer no help.

I searched the entire boat for some light line, but I was unsuccessful. After that day I always carried a spool of twenty pound test line. On days when the boat was doing poorly, I'd break out the light line and see if that was the problem. It always made a difference as to the number of hook-ups, and on some days, as I've illustrated, it can be the all-important missing link between you and your quarry. Good twenty pound test is strong enough for the roughest of blues, but it must be free of nicks and frays. Drag setting is also more critical than with the thirty, so when you change spools be sure you re-adjust the drag.

I've seen dozens of types of hooks and as many different leaders used for blues. In the end, I go with the simplest which in rigging for any species of fish is usually

the best. I use eighty pound coffee colored wire. The leader, when it's hay wire twisted between hook and #3 black swivel, should be four inches long. I like the beak type short shank in brown finish, but the dark O'Shaughnessy are good, too. Size depends on the fish, but figure a 5/0 to 6/0 as an all-purpose bluefish hook. Blues can be hook-and-leader shy, so stay away from the multi-filament types and gold hooks, etc., and in the long run catch more fish. I don't have any stories to illustrate this "point" (get it?)—just take my word.

Your bait and chum are already on board. That's another thing you won't have to worry about when you fish on a party boat. My favorite bait is a fresh, cleanly cut bunker back. I place the hook through the thin end once, running the hook through meat and then skin. And, of course, you've sharpened your hook with the small pocket stone. Smelts, the other popular bait, are usually given out, but for me they don't produce as well. Silver dollar size butterfish are also good, but they're not always available. If you get to the boat early, then you can use a snapper pole and catch some of the blues' small fry at the dock. I always carry a length of six pound test and some small hooks for this and sometimes enjoy it more than when the boat pulls out. Small snappers, herring, tinker mackerel and butterfish can all be caught in the bay and all make superb bait.

In bait fishing when the boat is at anchor, your best position is usually in the stern. Frequently—at least on the weekends—insomniac anglers will be at the dock when the night trip pulls in to have their choice of spots. I think that's going a little too far, just as long as you're from the midships aft—but not always. The reason why it's frequently a "stern job," is because wind and tide usually cooperate in their direction. The chum drifts back and past the stern and those in line with the chum have the best chance of connecting. If the wind holds the boat perpendicular to the tide, then the side facing with the tidal flow will be best. If tide is against the wind, then it's a "bow job."

If the wind and tide are both mild, the boat might try to drift. If you are one of those people whose line disappears beneath the boat, then forget the bait and switch to a jig or Banana, casting out in the direction the boat is drifting. If you continue using bait, your odds may still be good as far as hooking a blue, but landing it is another story. What usually happens is the hooked fish is impossible to control because you have no idea where it is. Tangles galore are almost certain, especially if there's more than one fish on at a time. On most weekdays you can move to either side and fish with the drift as boats are not usually crowded.

You're at the rail; the boat is anchored, and the mate is chumming. You choose your favorite bait, place it carefully on the hook and drop it overboard. I've neglected to say what size split shot because it varies. Sometimes the fish will be deep and you'll need a large one and at others, they'll be right on top and no weight is required. Your left thumb on the spool and you grasp the line directly in front of it with your right hand. Pull out line until you've gotten approximately one foot. Repeat this motion, counting each pull until you get to twenty, making sure that there is always just a bit of slack between you and the bait. Slower now, but continue dropping back until there's about sixty-five feet of line in the water. Let it sit there a few minutes and then bring it back in.

A fellow to your left has hooked a fish. You watch until the fish is landed and examine the tackle used. A #4 split shot a few feet above the hook: so you duplicate that. Then you ask the person how far back they had the hit. "Thirty-five" is the answer. After you take twenty-five pulls you slow down and begin to inch it back. You're up to thirty, thirty-one ...pick up, you let the line run for a second, then lock the reel and lift that tip hard. "Fish ON." Instead of fighting straight out (perpendicular) from you, the blue decides to run along the side of the boat. You follow the fish, holding your tip high and with no slack in the line. Over the first two people, under the next three, "walking a fish" you shout so the anglers ahead know

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This jumbo blue was not hook shy. It inhaled a whole mackerel meant for a shark.

Success! **Note how few anglers show up for these late season alligators.**

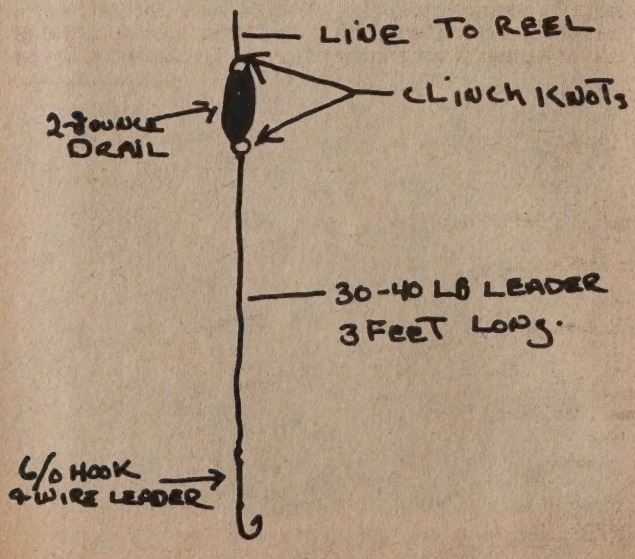
what's happening. Finally the fish is directly below you; you yell gaff, and the mate sinks the hook into a beautiful ten pound bluefish.

Though you tried to keep free of the other lines, you see a few are wrapped around your own. You take out the cutting pliers from its sheath and clip your line just above the wire leader. The people tangled with you can get their crack at the fish and the cut line identifies the fish as yours. You return to your spot and try to repeat the success. Only one difference: now that you know where the fish are feeding, you quickly pull out thirty-eight feet of line and then take a match stick, piece of gum wrapper and wind it under a few turns of mono. In this way the range of the blues is marked and you won't have to count each time you put on a fresh piece of bait.

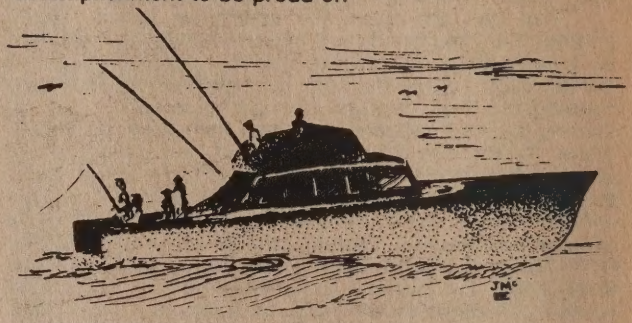
Before I go any further, let me get something off my chest. Sheepshead Bay has gotten a reputation for having unhelpful mates. Having been a mate I understand the problem all too well. You arrive in the Bay at 4 AM and leave the boat fourteen hours later, and though the work isn't like moving pianos, it isn't a joy ride either. In other words, you want to go home with a day's pay. Too many people are given special attention and then do not show their appreciation with a gratuity. So the mates fish to sell their catch at the dock. And the customers grumble that there is inadequate service. If a patron would slip me a couple of dollars before the boat started fishing, you could be sure I'd be all over them and made sure they took some fish home. Now it's not just the dollars, but the thought that the person was considerate and respected my knowledge and ability. If a tip has no effect on the quality of your treatment by the crew, then try another boat. If enough fishermen begin to tip, then the mates will lay down their rods and everyone will be happier. Now I feel a lot better.

Late in the season, somewhere around mid-October, the fish head for deep water and tend to congregate around bottom structure. The Farms, Seventeen Fathoms are favorite spots now and the boat will anchor precisely on a "piece" that the captain reads fish on. No amount of chum will lure the bluefish to the surface, so you've got to get down to them. Drail fishing is accomplished by tying a two to eight ounce weight about three feet above the baited hook (see diagram). You lower the rig to the bottom and then take in about ten feet of line. Then you wait. The biggest fish of the season are caught at this time and an eight pounder is considered small.

About the best bait for these deep feeding blues is a live bergall. Mates will sometimes rig a rod with small hooks to supply them, but you're better off bringing an extra outfit and catching your own. A two to four inch bergall is fantastic bait. Hook him through the lip or back as you would a live killie. When the hit comes, let the fish eat for a few seconds and then set the hook hard.



So that's how it's done. This article could have been twice as long and still there would be a lot to say about bluefishing. If you fish regularly and successfully for blues on one particular boat and the mates get to know you, then you might be asked to fish for the boat. This means that you pay no fare and leave your catch for the crew. Being asked to "dead-head" means you've graduated into the ranks of the superior bluefishermen. And it's an accomplishment to be proud of.



Sinker Bouncing: CRABBING

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of landing a soft crab or two are good. You'll find this is likely to happen when two crabs can be seen together. The one above will always be the hard crab on guard against the smaller fish which also consider the defenseless softie a gourmet's delight.

Incidentally, when my thoughts drift to "scalping," I always think of the long-ago when Artie and I were kids and we used to scalp bushels of big blue claws from the pilings under the city pier in Canarsie. We sold those crabs for twenty-five cents a dozen in those days and this monetary gain kept us in daily rowboat rental money (fifty cents!), plus hooks, sinkers, and that occasional rod and reel we wanted so desperately for winter codfishing. Oh Happy Days!

The fourth crabbing method can be exciting or not—depending upon how you look at it. This is done by using a long-handled net and reaching out from a bulkhead, pier, or boat, and scooping in the surface-swimming crabs as they go by. During daylight hours, this can be a catch-as-catch-can deal, but during the dark hours, it can indeed be exciting.

For this nocturnal crabbing a strong light is necessary. I find the Coleman-type to be best. Again, two fishermen are needed for best results. One uses the light to attract the crabs and the other plies the net. The advantage is that only the larger crabs can be selected for capture and the smaller ones allowed to go on their way. There always seems to be larger crabs on the prowl at night than during the day.

Often if the fisherman with the light is adept he can coax a distant crab to follow the glare to within the netter's reach. It's lots of fun, no question about it. As noted before, best results are obtained on warm, windless nights. Cold or breezy nights will keep the crabs either on bottom or out of sight.

Sometime during your crabbing days, you are going to come across a female crab carrying a clump of reddish-orange eggs on its abdomen. These are known as "sponge crabs" by most local fishermen, and I'll tell you right now that no matter how large it is, and no matter how much it hurts, you should return it to the water unharmed. That mass contains as many as two million eggs, which certainly seems like a lot of eggs, but only a small percentage grow up to mature. And when you remember that crabs do not migrate and that each locality has just so many crabs available for the fisherman, you'll certainly be helping yourself and those who come after us by being a sport fisherman in the true sense of the word. Deplete the area and it means poor crabbing for a long, long time.

Conserve the blue claw crab!

Your Medical Tackle Box

by Doctor Einar F. Grell

★PART TWO★

Small Abrasions and Lacerations.

If you slip or fall on your deck which is loaded with the splatterings of chum and scratch your knees—what do you do? First, wash thoroughly with Phisoderm, clean with alcohol, apply a little bacitracin antibiotic ointment, and bandage. For small lacerations or superficial minor cuts not longer than three inches, small pre-packaged butterfly bandages made by Band-Aid can be applied to close the wound after it has been washed and cleaned thoroughly. If the small butterfly bandages cannot close the wound, you can undertake the same procedure with your standard two-inch adhesive tape. At any rate, minor lacerations should be brought together with tape for maximum healing. You cannot fish with an open cut or a laceration. Oftentimes your homemade butterfly bandage placed across a two-inch cut is the only thing between you and excessive bleeding. Again, your medical tackle box to the rescue. One thing for sure—when you need adhesive tape, you need adhesive tape. There is nothing worse than having a small bluefish take a sharp chop out of your finger causing profuse bleeding only for you to find that you do not have any adhesive tape to close the wound with. Do you clench your fist up in a ball and use your chum rag as a compressing bandage? Certainly not. You must be prepared.

Your medical tackle box should have fresh supplies in it and from time to time, materials must be replaced as they are used up. Most important, your medical tackle box must be kept dry. If you place the ingredients in a small tackle box or plastic container, I suggest that you wrap the entire homemade kit in a waterproof Ziplock bag.

Prices for the ingredients will vary a little depending upon where you shop. However, for approximately $15 you have all the ingredients for treating that which has been referred to in this article. Stay away from commercial kits, which are incomplete and expensive to say the least.

Store your medical tackle box where it is easily available. Check it periodically for items which need replacing. Don't forget to bring it with you. If you have good security for your boat, leave it on the boat in an accessible location.

Heat Problems Other Than Sunburn.

Too much heat, whatever the source, can cause heat stroke (sunstroke) and heat exhaustion. Heat stroke or sun stroke usually follows exposure to the direct rays of the hot, dry sun for too long a period of time. Heat exhaustion usually results from too much exercise on a hot, humid day. All fishermen should be able to distinguish one from the other, especially since the treatment for each is entirely different.

Sun or heat stroke victims are in very serious danger, to say the least. This point cannot be over-emphasized. Signs of sun stroke are red face, labored respiration, hot and dry skin, rapid pulse and high fever. Muscular twitching can be associated with sun stroke. The victim must be removed to a cool spot. A doctor must be called **immediately**. If there isn't a doctor aboard, this either means calling the Coast Guard for rescue or terminating your fishing trip immediately and getting the victim to the nearest hospital. In the meantime, what do you do? Clothes must be loosened or removed. Ice bags or cold towels must be applied to the head. Body must be bathed or sprayed with cold water. Artificial respiration may be necessary. Do you know how to undertake artificial respiration? In a nutshell, sun or heat stroke is a major problem. **Stimulants are never given to this victim.**

Heat exhaustion, on the other hand, is much less serious than the problem of sun stroke. Signs of heat exhaustion are a pale, moist skin which may be cold. The victim may complain of dizziness, headache and shortness of breath. He may be weak to the point of collapse. Muscular twitching and severe cramps plus nausea and vomiting may take place. The victim is restless, to say the least. All of these symptoms are due to a great loss of water and salt from too much perspiration. The victim must be removed to a cool place. If he is unconscious, a doctor must be called. If he is conscious, a teaspoonful of salt in a glass of water may be given. The patient must be

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INGREDIENTS FOR MEDICAL TACKLE BOX (See Picture)

Item	Approx. Cost
ADHESIVE TAPE, 1" width (5 yd. roll)	$ 1.29
ADOLPH'S MEAT TENDERIZER (unseasoned) 3½ oz. shaker plastic container	.79
ALCOHOL (ethyl 70%) 1 pt. (alcohol can be placed in smaller bottles for convenience)	.79
ASPIRIN (small can)	.43
BACITRACIN (antibiotic ointment) 1/2 oz.	.98
BAND-AIDS (butterfly closure, medium size) pkg. of 10	.43
BAKING SODA	.30
DRAMAMINE or MERAZINE (tablet size)	1.25
GAUZE PADS (sterile pads, 2"x2") Johnson & Johnson	.75
PHISODERM (lathering, skin cleanser & conditioner, non-alk.) 5 oz.	1.89
PLIERS (needle nose) new condition	1.45
RAZOR BLADES (1 or 2, single edge, unopened)	.10
SALT TABLETS	.20
SUN SCREEN (ex. PreSun, 5% PABA Lotion) 4 oz	3.79
LIP GUARD (medicated lip balm)	.49
ZINC OXIDE PASTE U.S.P. (Lassar's Plain Zinc Paste topical astr.) 1 oz	.59
	$15.02

kept lying down with his head lowered slightly.

Unconsciousness.

Most of us become terrified at the sight of an unconscious person, especially fishermen who witness this in the midst of a fishing trip where merriment prevails...usually. What do we **usually** do? We douse the victim, shout and shake him, regardless of the cause of unconsciousness. Among the various causes of unconsciousness are head injuries, diabetes, alcoholism, fainting, apoplexy, epilepsy, severe bleeding, drowning, sun stroke, heat exhaustion, electric shock, heart and circulatory disorders.

The color of the patient may give you a clue as to the nature of his injury or sudden illness and what first aid to give. A flushed skin usually indicates an excess of blood in the head. The victim may be suffering from sun stroke, serious head injury, or other complications. You may raise the patient's head and shoulders slightly and apply cold compresses. **Never give a stimulant** even when the person regains consciousness. A pale skin indicates shock and circulatory failure. Keep the patient lying down with head lowered. Cover him with blankets. Heat exhaustion results in shock and must not be confused with sun stroke, as previously mentioned. A blue tinged skin tells you that the victim is suffering from lack of oxygen. Give artificial respiration at once.

Artificial Respiration.

The stoppage of breathing, or asphyxiation, is a problem that all fishermen should be able to cope with. The causes for this problem are many, which include drowning, choking, electric shock, and carbon monoxide poisoning. The symptoms are rather easy to detect. They are: very slow and shallow breathing being reduced to twitches, muscle jerk and pupils of the eyes dilate. The skin turns blue because of lack of oxygen in the blood. The heart continues beating even after respiration has ceased. The length of time the victim can live depends on the amount of oxygen he had in his blood and the amount of physical exertion during the asphyxiation.

The most effective method employed today is the mouth-to-mouth method which has the advantage of being direct and easy to administer. This method provides air pressure to inflate the patient's lungs immediately. The operator also has more control over the pressure and timing of his efforts. He can control the volume of air needed to inflate the victim's lungs and detect the amount of exhaled air.

The following steps outline the correct procedure to follow:

1. Clear the air passages of any foreign material and be certain that the tongue is not blocking the airway. If the tongue is drawn back, pull it forward.

2. Place the victim on his back. Tilt the head back so that the chin is pointed upward. Pull or push the jaw into a jutting position.

3. Pinch the victim's nose between the fingers and thumb.

ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION

MOUTH-TO-MOUTH (MOUTH-TO-NOSE) METHOD

If there is foreign matter visible in the mouth, wipe it out quickly with your fingers or a cloth wrapped around your fingers.

Tilt the head back so the chin is pointing upward.

Or close the nostrils with your cheek.

↑ Pull or push ↓ the jaw into a jutting - out position.

Or close the victim's mouth and place your mouth over the nose.

Blow into the victim's mouth or nose. If you are not getting air exchange, recheck the head and jaw position (see drawings above at left).

Open your mouth wide and place it tightly over victim's mouth. At same time pinch victim's nostrils shut.

If you still do not get air exchange, quickly turn the victim on his side and administer several sharp blows between the shoulder blades in the hope of dislodging foreign matter.

Resume breathing procedure.

4. Press your mouth against the victim's mouth firmly so as to make air-tight contact.

5. Blow air into the victim's mouth until you see the chest rise. When the chest has reached full expansion, stop blowing to avoid damage to the victim's lungs by over-inflation. This is especially true in the case of children. Turn your head to the side and listen for the return rush of air indicating expiration.

6. Repeat the process about twelve times per minute for an adult or about twenty times per minute for a child. If you should fail to get air exchange, re-check the head and jaw position. It may be necessary to strike several sharp blows between the shoulder blades or probe the mouth and throat cavity with the finger to dislodge any foreign material.

Tape the written procedure somewhere in your boat and practice this procedure with your buddy. This method could save a fisherman's life.

Big Fish Bites: Sharks, etc.

In cases where there is massive tissue loss (e.g, shark taking a large bite out of thigh, arm, leg, etc.), blood loss must be prevented for the simple reason that a person can bleed to death in a few minutes. A spurting artery or a free-flowing vein requires immediate attention. Three

methods may be used to control severe bleeding: direct pressure on the wound; hand or finger pressure on the bone underlying an artery, and the tourniquet. Direct pressure will usually stop serious bleeding. When applying direct pressure, use a clean sterile pad or cloth (if possible) and apply pressure directly on the wound.

If direct pressure does not control the bleeding, it may help to apply finger or hand pressure against a main artery where it crosses a bone at a point between the wound and the heart. Pressure applied to an artery at such a point will prevent blood from going through the main vessel supplying the injured extremity. Finger pressure on the brachial artery against the humerus bone of the upper arm will reduce the flow of blood to the lower arm and hand. To reduce bleeding from a wound in the leg or foot, apply pressure with the heel of the hand on the femoral artery against the pelvic bone in the mid-groin area. Apply a pressure dressing on the wound to assist further in the control. Watch to see that bleeding does not occur.

A tourniquet is dangerous and should never be used except as a last resort to stop profuse bleeding from severed arteries in an arm or leg. It can cut off the blood supply to the injured extremity to the extent that the tissues die and decompose, resulting in gangrene. You can make a tourniquet from any cloth that is wide enough not to cut or damage tissue when tightened. A folded triangular bandage, necktie or a stocking work well. It should be long enough to wrap around the limb twice. Place the tourniquet just above the wound, between it and the heart. Wrap the material around the limb twice; tie a half-knot. Place a stick over the half-knot and tie it firmly square knot. Lift up on the stick to prevent pinching, then twist. Tighten just enough to stop bleeding. The first-aider should not release a tourniquet because of the danger of fatal shock to the patient. A properly applied tourniquet may be left in place one to two hours, thus allowing for transfer of the patient from boat to Coast Guard Rescue vehicle or for your return trip back to land and a doctor's office or emergency room at a hospital. Never put a bandage or a blanket over a tourniquet unless you stay with the injured individual. If it is necessary to send an unconscious patient to a doctor with a tourniquet in place, mark "TK" on his forehead with any available material. In **treating serious bleeding, always keep the victim lying down.** Never give him a stimulant. **Treat for shock.**

To stay away from severe bleeding cases, the best method is that of prevention. Don't get bitten. The cure prevents all sorts of major problems. In this regard, make sure that you have a working VHF or CB radio aboard for making emergency calls—VHF is preferred.

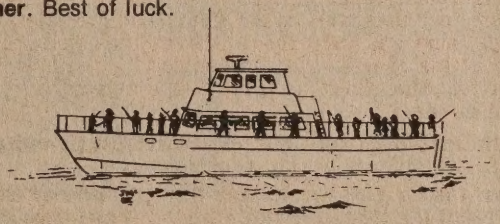
Shock: What it Is and How to Treat It.

Most fishermen and boatmen have heard of shock many times. Sooner or later it occurs in your immediate vicinity. You must be able to recognize it and treat it. One thing for sure: more people die from shock than from the wounds that are received. Shock is a depressed state of the circulatory system wherein blood collects in the vessels of the abdominal cavity. When this occurs, there is very little blood in the brain area. Very little or no blood in the brain area results in shock. Symptoms may vary in severity from mild symptoms to a complete circulatory collapse and death.

Symptoms include: pale, moist skin; rapid and shallow breathing; rapid or weak pulse, and a vacant stare ... not to be confused with the stare produced when you have just lost a fifty pound striper. The victim complains of great weakness. He may feel faint, dizzy, and nauseated. Whenever you give first aid to a seriously injured person, always try to prevent shock. Act immediately. Never wait for shock to appear. Keep the patient lying down with his hips and feet raised about a foot-and-a-half off the ground or deck of boat. Wrap him in a blanket to conserve body heat. An excellent way to reduce the severity of shock in a conscious patient is to administer a solution consisting of one-half teaspoonful of baking soda and one-half teaspoonful of table salt in a quart of water. Give the victim just as much of this solution as he will drink. Make sure he is conscious before giving him anything by mouth.

In Conclusion.

Get your medical tackle box together and treat it exactly as you would your best girl friend. Review some of the first aid given in the preceding pages. Make a list of what you have in this box and replenish that which is taken out of it from time to time. Make this kit the first thing you bring aboard when you go fishing. **Stress prevention of injury**—not curing an injury. Get yourself an up-to-date tetanus shot. Wear protective clothing, a visored cap with polarizing sunglasses. Don't take anything for granted when you are at sea. **Remember** that until doctors make "boat calls" you will be the first aid that you, your buddy, or crew will receive from your medical tackle box. Have fun, be careful and be prepared for the unexpected. It will occur sooner or later. My experience while fishing and boating has always been that the unexpected **occurs sooner**. Best of luck.



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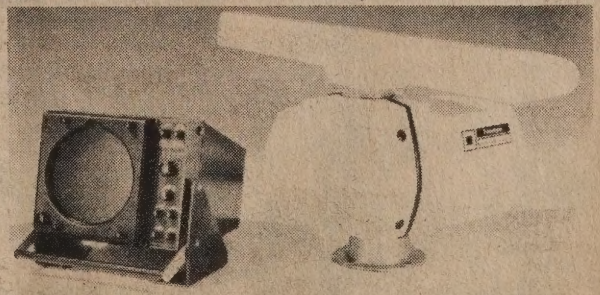

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Bluefishing may have taken a slight downturn recently but it can still be rated as excellent in all areas. The big news was the apparent arrival of school tuna as well as giant bluefin tuna in the area around the Butterfish Hole. One giant of 570 lbs. was brought in and several others have been hooked and fought. Mako sharks abundant and boats are still scoring with monstrous blue sharks. Marlin also plentiful, although few are being taken. Still fantastic catches of weakfish being made, casting Rebels at night off Culloden Point and Gin Beach. Porgy fishing the finest kind around Great Eastern and along the South Side. Sea bass showing some improvement, but still far from good. Fluke fishing good with larger fish being taken every day at Shagwong and the North Rips.

Capt. Pete Van Alst of the charterboat **Modar II** reported that a 118 lb. mako shark was the thrill of the day for Walter Jadezuk. Also aboard that day were friends Clint Smith, Frank Chireop, Frank Quartararo and Steve Smith. The offshore action has been excellent for makos, blue sharks, bluefin tuna in the 20-50 lb. class and marlin, all in the Butterfish Hole.

Ed Miller at the **Westlake Fishing Lodge** told us that he weighed in the first giant bluefin tuna of the year, a 570 pounder. The giant was taken on Capt. Pete Bannister's private boat "Buzzard III" fishing the eastern edge of the Butterfish Hole 25 miles southeast of the Point. It was brought to gaff in only three hours by Tanner Lucas and Clifford Stevenson, all from Connecticut. Ed told us that a lot of school tuna in the 30-50 lb. class are being taken in the same area trolling cedar jigs, Jap feathers and rigged squid. A lot of marlin are also being spotted and many makos are coming in. The blue sharks being taken have been monstrous, with several weighing in at over 300 lbs. Those casting Rebels and other artificials off Culloden Point after dark have been murdering big weakfish. Percy Heath took 50 by himself in one night. Bluefish are all over the area and are being taken by all methods—trolling umbrella rigs, diamond jigging and rigged herring. Good fluke fishing by those chasing the fish from Culloden Point to Shagwong and the North Rips. The fish are all good sized and range up to 10 lbs. Very few striped bass being taken anywhere by any method. But porgies are all over the place and the sea bass fishing has been steadily improving at the Frisbees.

Shown are Kay Patchin with a 50 lb. cod and Joanne Zyek with a 35 lb. cod taken aboard the "Viking Starship."

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** reported that the bluefin tuna have arrived in force and it looks like Montauk may be in for a better tuna season this year than last year's phenomenal run. On Saturday, the "Meditation" took two bluefin tuna of 100 and 155 lbs. trolling Jap feathers. On Sunday, the "Canyon Runner" took a giant bluefin of 325 lbs. in the Mud Hole area, chunking with herring and mackerel. Henry said that during the week he weighed in about 30 football tuna between 20 and 40 lbs. by boats trolling feathers. 130 to 150 degrees south of the Point has been the hot tuna area and the fish have been there all week. On Saturday, the "Nancy Ann" brought in a white marlin of 78 lbs. Henry said that this was one of six marlin brought into the marina during the week, and Capt. Arch Jost of the "Sea Hunter" released one.

Captain Frank of the **Free Spirit** called to report that the offshore fishing continued to be great. Monday's charter produced 3 makos, all under 100 lbs., two of which were tagged and released by Nick Gerardi of Coram. A real sportsman! The third one of 70 lbs., was mounted. On Tuesday, Frank landed a 45 lb. mako and a 239 lb. blue shark. Friday a mount sized mako of 35 lbs. was caught and 2 brown sharks of 115 and 135 lbs. Saturday and Sunday charters produced a 115 lb. mako and a 305 lb. blue shark which was mounted. Frank was fishing in 180 ft. of water to 40 Fathoms south of the Point. The preferred mako bait seems to be mackerel fillets and mini-mackerel which were caught at the dock by his children. Again, Frank would like to remind his reders that he can be reached at (516) 668-9455.

Captain Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** reported that the porgy fishing remained excellent Monday through Friday. Most of the fish are all of the jumbo variety and there are plenty of them. This weekend slowed up a little, but taking Saturday for an example, most anglers had between a third of a bucket and three full buckets of nice porgies each. The North Grounds are now starting to produce fish with the hot action has been on the south side and around Great Eastern. Buddy said to bring sand worms, because they really can improve the catch.

Dean Violagis, 11, with the first small tuna of the season taken aboard Captain Phil Lewis' "Adios" out of Montauk.

Captain Freddy Bird of the **Flying Cloud** reported that the porgy fishing has been very good everyday except Saturday, when it was a little off. But the action picked up again on Sunday for fish of mixed sizes, mostly big. The **Little Bear** also did a number on the porgies Sunday. Best action has been on the south side and Great Eastern when the tides are right. Very few sea bass have been mixed in and a few blackfish are being taken.

Captain Ed "Spider" Hegner told us that the **Jigger III** has been doing pretty good with the fluke, and the fish seem to be getting larger. Morris Rothfeld took the pool on the weekend with an 8½ lb. doormat. Capt. Spider said that he misses talking to his old customers, but if they want to shoot the breeze they can stop in at Teddy's Tackle on Westlake Drive in Montauk.

Captain John DeMaio of the charterboat **Vivienne** reported that the bass fishing has gotten tough again. The bluefish are plentiful and on some days you can make a nice catch of weaks at Shagwong. During the beginning of the week, the hotspot was around Great Eastern.

Captain Larry Rodriguez of the charter boat **Tiderunner** said that on Saturday, Rene and Robert Tringali had an excellent day offshore. Bob's brother Mike, a pro bowler who had never set foot on a boat before, landed

a 182 blue shark after a tough fight. Bob himself landed the first shark of the day, a 90 lb. brown, and Bobbie and Mike Confer were in there pitching with wife Bobbie landing a 112 lb. blue shark and Mike losing a dusky at the boat that would have weighed more than all the other sharks taken put together. It must be noted that Rene's cheerleading had much to do with the day's success. On Sunday, fluke fishing at Shagwong produced nice fluke and all aboard were pleased.

Dina Lewis called to tell us that the offshore fishing is hot, with large numbers of sharks being taken plus a shot for all at other exotic species. The charter boat **Adios** took 12 bluefin tuna in the 20 to 30 lb. class trolling red and white feathers. A mako shark was taken on the same day. Captain Phil had a giant tuna on in the Butterfish Hole, but it stripped the reel in seconds. The school tuna are a great fighting fish but have not been so easy to catch all the time. Inshore trolling is still producing plenty of bluefish and weakfish with an occasional striped bass thrown in.

Charterboat **Sea Doll** called and reported that he's getting good catches of tuna and some marlin fishing SE of BI. Fishing Wed, Thurs and Fri he took 6 marlin and good catches of tuna on red and white feathers. Friday's catch alone was 9 tuna in the 35 lb category.

The Marlin IV started porgy fishing Saturday and is now doing porgies and seabass every day. Some fares had 70 to 80 porgies per man fishing off Montauk Lighthouse. The boat is still doing its 7 pm bluefish trips fishing BI and Cartwright, trips averaging 7-8 choppers per man.

Gone Fishing Marina reports that Merrick's Rev. Richard Harvey boated 115 lbs of weakfish while anchored up and casting salty dogs at Collodon Pt on Mon. night. On Fri night, Bob Etheison had 21 weaks working Colodon with floating Rebels.

The Alyssa Ann on Saturday boated 150 lbs of porgies at Great Eastern and also trolled up 24 blues nearby. On Sunday, Andy Patricola had 21 fluke drifting Shagwam with sandeels and squid. On the same day Barry Randow of NJ had a 25 lb striper bottom fishing with cut bait off the Lighthouse plus 50 fluke taken on sundial strips drifting the north rips.

Gregg Pikulik of **Cove Marina** called to say that the "Shark Hunter" did excellent offshore as usual. The "Abide" did very well with blacks, weaks and blues on diamond jigs at Shagwong. The "Nancy Y" with Frank Kani and Tony Kani did excellent on Shagwong using sand eels for fluke.

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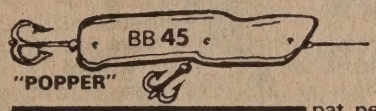

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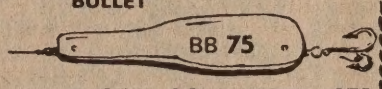

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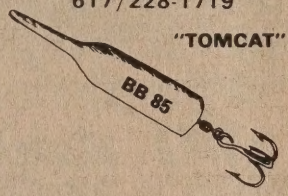

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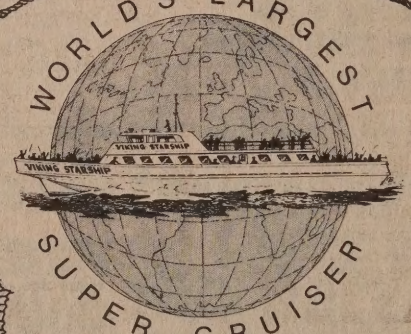

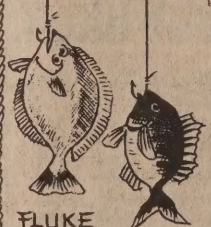
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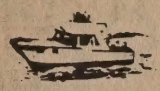

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HAMPTON BAYS

Capt. Dave Warsen had 3 makos on Wed, largest being 131 lbs with others 124 and 94, caught in 190' of water south of the Inlet using mackerel and bunker chum. On Thurs another mako was caught weighing 119 lbs in the same area. All makos were caught during a 2-day bartenders Mako Tournament by Renny Paolini, Anton McZack, Ed Godzeszewski, and Ed Rowalski of the Tides Inn who also caught and released 1 Dusky and 4 blueshark. The winning fish in the tournament was a 244 lb mako by crew from Mad Hatter on Capt. Bob Clemenz's Azever out of Indian Cove.

Tony's Fishing Station reported plenty of flounder are being taken right in front of the Station at buoys 18 and 20. On Saturday, the fluke fishing was only so-so, and on Sunday the action was very slow. What action there has been for fluke has been around buoys 9 and 11 off the Coast Guard Station and back in East Channel close to the basket area. Offshore, Lanny Kip and David Molnar were fishing aboard the "Bahama Mama" and took six blue sharks and a mako of 236 lbs. that Lanny caught. Fishing was on Saturday southeast of Shinnecock Inlet in 180 ft. of water and all the blue sharks were released.

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Cerullo Brothers Fishing Station reported that the fluke fishing ranges from good to fair, with average catches of 6 to 18 fish a boat. Best action has been on the flats behind buoys 38 and 39 off the Coast Guard Station, fishing on incoming water. Some big fish are being taken in the west cut around the change of tide. Doormats taken in this area were

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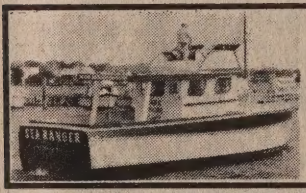

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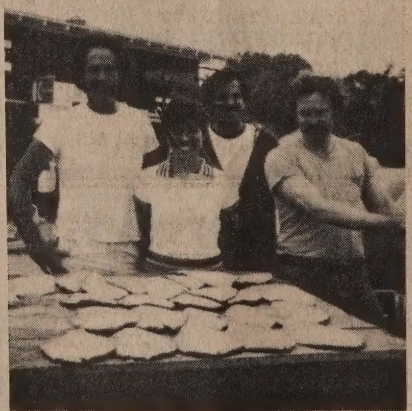

Howard and Rose Reiff, Nick Ruppino, and Peter Schwindeller with 23 fluke taken at buoy 42 on sand eel and squid combinations. Photo courtesy of L&M Marine.

weighed in at 8 lb. 14 oz. and 9½ lbs. on the weekend. Bluefish in the 3-4 lb. range are being taken right outside the Inlet trolling umbrella rigs.

Hal Lassen of the **Hi-Way Fishing Station** reported that the fishing was quiet on the weekend and the fluke were slow. One boat managed to take 7 fish, which seemed to be spread out all over the Bay. On Sunday, one boat took 25 flounder around buoy 33 by 10:30 in the morning. Snappers have begun to move into the Bay and bluefish and school tuna are being trolled offshore.

Ben at **Tadsen's Fishing Station** also reported that the fluke fishing has been rather slow until Sunday, when the fishing picked up considerably in the afternoon on incoming water in the west cut. All the fish taken were nice keepers. Flounder are being taken around buoy 29, but they are still small.

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SAYVILLE

Jim at **South Bay Fishing Station** tells us that a few fluke have fallen to sandeels between buoys 28 and 30. Irv Swartzman and Gene Bonovich have taken a few weaks also at Nichols Bay on fluke rigs. A few blowfish here and there and a lot of snappers in the 6" class and growing.

EAST ISLIP

Buoy II Sport Shop reports that on Wed Larry Cohen and Bob Teich on Larry's Marlin had tuna in 140' of water on red and white feathers and cedar jigs. The ocean was loaded with small squid. Blues outside in 80' of water off Cherry Grove on umbrellas. Fluking has picked up with some boats getting 5-7 fluke on sandeels, killies and squid from West Channel to the Inlet. Blues at Farm Shoals mornings and evenings on plugs. On Sunday Charlie Zdebski caught a 3 lb remora t buoy 6 in W. Channel

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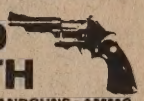

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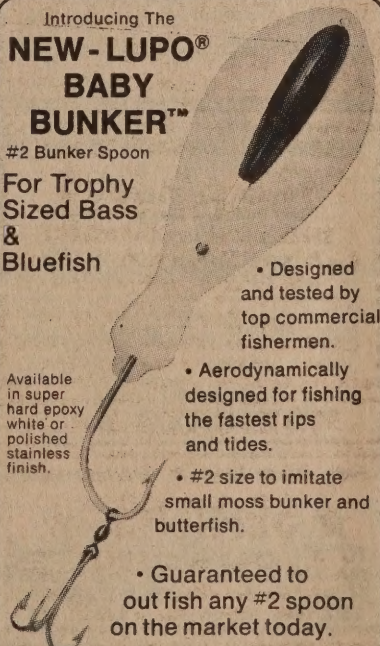

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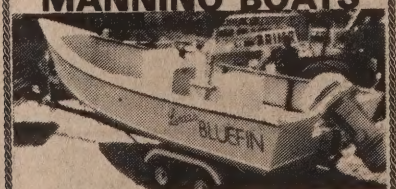

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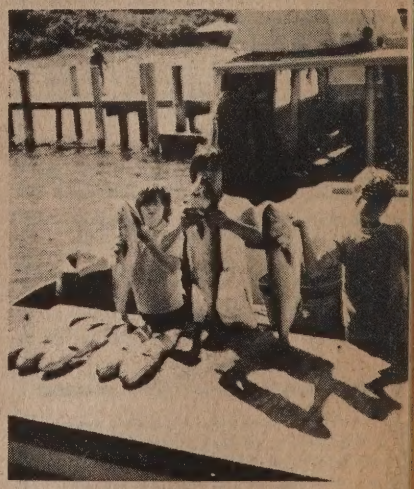

Bill Lovett with the 8 bluefish from 8 to 13½ lbs., he took off of Montauk aboard his uncle's boat. Subscriber Club Photo.

Snappers are being caught off the docks and blueclaws are starting in traps and rings.

BAY SHORE

Capt. Neil of the **Casey Lee** reports the fluking has improved since Thurs of last week. It is now a steady 2-4 keeper fluke per man catch with hi-hook usually 5-6 fish. These are mostly 2 and 3 lb fish and best results have been in Bay Shore Channel, east of the great flat, Dickerson's Channel and off Ocean Beach. Killies and squid are working best and sand eels second. Since fluking is on the upswing and crowds are now light, now would be the time to come down and bag up on fluke fillets.

Smokey's Bait and Tackle advises that some fluke have been caught in the West Channel and Atlantique. All the inlets have improved with decent fluking this past week. Carol and Steve Brooks of Oakdale on their boat Hayace took a 7½ lb. fluke off Atlantique on sand eels and squid. The key is fish clear water without weed. Porgies at buoy 4, West Channel on squid and sand worms. West Channel gave forth a 14 lb. cobia for Mary Quinn on a killie. Ed Coyle took a decent catch of fluke off the Bay Shore dock on squid and killie. Blues in the inlet and in the bay in early morning and late afternoon hours in the 2-4 lb. range on jigs, Bananas and Rebels. Rich Ferri, Tony Loria, Bob Anthony and Fred Weis had 75 blues on umbrellas fishing east of the Whistler on the boat Rum and Coke. These were 3 to 4 lb. fish. Bonito in 85 ft. of water on red and white feathers and tuna in 120 ft. of water southeast of the NB. A 6 lb. 8 oz. dolphin was taken this week in 120 ft. of water on green and yellow feathers.

Tony Mian took this fluke on July 8, fishing on the Leo D in Captree. Subscriber club photo.

CAPTREE

The Captain Ben Litwin reports that the fluking has improved this past weekend with some anglers getting 5 & 6 keepers. The afternoon boats caught well also on the weekend with fish going up to 6 lbs. Evidently a new body of fish has moved in.

The Captain Richie reports that Gary and Diane Lozlopes of Copiague caught a 7 lb 11 oz fluke, the largest fluke on the dock on Mon. Sam Marshall had 5 keepers the same day. This was in the Fl Inlet area on sandeels and killies.

Capt Walter on the **Lady Ann** reports that bluefish trips have been super spectacular on both the charter and reservation trips and that people are taking as many fish as they want. A minimum of 200 fish on each trip in the 6-16 lb range. Best has been off Patchogue Beach and Cherry Grove, 22 mi S, SE of Fl Inlet. It's been bait and chum at night, every trip a slaughter for the last 2 wks. The fluke charters have been fair from 20-70 fish for the boat per trip. The seabass action on the ocean reef has been good, mostly large seabass with some blacks mixed in.

The Captain Jib Fleet reported that the fluke fishing seems to have improved during the week by the Coast Guard Station, according to Capt. Marty on the **Jib VI.** Joe Polirstok of New Jersey caught a 4 lb. 13 oz. fluke which was netted by second mate Richard Tischler. Joe won the pool and also was high hook with eight fluke. The afternoon fluke trips at 3:30 p.m. have also had improved fishing.

Captain George Tweedy on the **Capt. Scotty** reported that bluefishing has been good at night for fish ranging from 6 to 15 lbs. On Friday night the high hook took 34 fish on mackerel and butterfish chunks. Best action has been off Patchogue Beach where it is consistent, but there have been fish close to the inlet too. Although fluke fishing has been hot and cold, it has been better than a few weeks ago. On one of the afternoon trips, 50 fluke were taken. The fish are good sized and average 2 to 3 lbs., with several 4 to 5 lb. fish thrown in. Action has been centered around Ocean Beach and East Channel with the best catches coming around the change of tide at the end of the flood and the first of the ebb. The captain noted that there is also an abundance of 1-2 lb. bluefish in the Bay.

BABYLON

Bill at **Babylon Fishing Station** tells us that the fluke are back again, that on Sat Gary Peterson of Levittown fished West Channel for a 6 lb 8 oz fluke and several other keepers plus a backet of bay blues on fluke rigs wearing killie and squid. Bernie and Jack Yander fished at the Lighthouse and took 12 fluke up to 4½ lbs and some small bay blues. All of the

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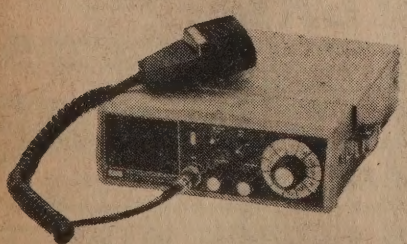

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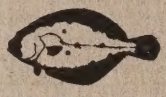

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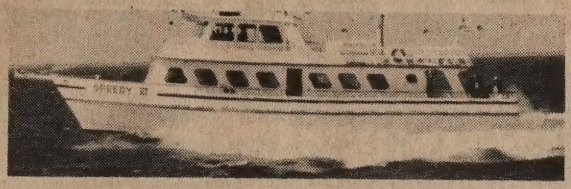

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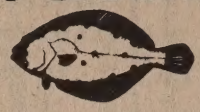

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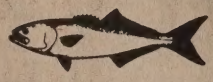

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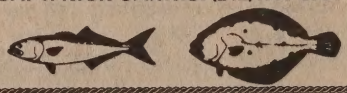

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station's skiffs enjoyed good fluking at the Mosses bridge and Snake Channel to the tune of 8-12 keepers per boat fish 16-23 inches. Bill says things really have picked up this week, West Channel in particular on killies, squid and sandeel combos. Offshore it's wall-to-wall blues.

Augies Bait and Tackle reports that the BTC Marlin and Tuna Contest saq rather, saw a lot of tuna brought in up to 95 lbs - others from 20 to 60 lbs. One 55 lb marlin was brought in. The 95 lbr was a blue fin and all these Charlies were caught on red and white feathers, cedar plugs both plain and painted up from 130' on out. There are more fluke being caught now and they are good size, mainly keepers. Very good bluefishing is being had by the wire draggers utilizing umbrellas. A 26 lb 10 oz striper was taken on a white umbrella by Bob Croswaithe of Brightwaters Sun morning in Fl Inlet. NYC Anler Alan Yainkowich bagged a 109 lb hammerhead Sun fishing 20 mi offshore.

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LINDENHURST

The Racoon at **charlies Bait and Tackle** scretched out Tuna, Tuna in 125' of water as evidenced by John Foboda on his boat Happy Hooker, taking 25 Charlie bluefins in the 25 lb class, loosing 10 others. Hank Hankell on his boat Lady Kay, boated 75 green bonito 140 degrees out in 70-80 of water on Sat. Bonito and blues have been swimming around in the mouth of the Inlet since Thurs. with the bonito running 4-6 lbs . Fluke, to a reasonable degree, are being caught a the Copiage Hole on sandeels, killies and squid, mainly keepers. Snappers galore from 3-5 inches and blacks on the Artificial on Sandworms.

COPIAGUE

Larry at **Bait and Tackle Unlimited** reports snappers galore on spearing and small tins. Blue claws off the dock and on the Amityville flats in traps and on rings. Weaks in Fl Inlet mornings and evenings on jelly worms Hopkins and squid. Regular Ken Roche has been consistently bagging blues and weaks every night on 2 oz Hopkins with feather tipped with squid. Blues outside the inlet around the whistler on umbrellas, chum and Ava 27 jigs. Some fluke in the State Channel off Amityville and a few off Ocean Beach on killies and squid. Tuna in 115' of water SW of Fl Inlet. Some shark east of the NB.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait & Tackle reports that Capt. Sig Signorelli, on his last 3 tuna trips has had a total of 22 Charlies taken on red squid daisey chain lures and jet lures. He also had several skipjacks. This was in about 140' of water E, SE of Fl Inlet. Good Tuna fishing has been had in 120 to 160 feet of water on various color feathers and combinations. On Sat. Joe Raskinelli had a 12 lb 8 oz dolphin on a jet lure in 155' of water. Bluefishing is good from the Lighthouse to the Whistler in 30-40' of water with some bonito thrown in. White umbrellas working best. Sun saw good fluking at the West Bar with bunker chum in a pot being employed by 2 anglers that had 40 fluke at the end of the day. Overall the fluking has been slow so your best bet is to use bunker chum in a pot in the back channels and creeks. Loads of snappers around and 2 week's time they will be good catching size as they grow very fast.

SEAFORD

Shore Isle Marina reports a 300 lb mako for Tom Wenskes last week and a 119 lb Mako for Sonny Burnet, both fishing about 25 mi off the beach. Bob Saur met and defeated a 72 lb hammarhead fishing off the HA area. Fri and Sun John Scara and Marv Kinkaid had nearly 300 lbs of bluefish working just outside the inlet on umbreallas along with a few albies. Jim Miller has been taking 6-8 fluke a day working between the second and third bridges with killies and squid. Steve Berkhardt had 57 flounder in his secret hole in Swift Creek on sandworms this week.

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle reports that fluking has been slow this past week and growing. A few bass have been taken at the bridges on clam chum. Lon says that he has a good supply of clam chum in his freezers. Excellent bluefishing 4-5 mi south of the Fl Tower, big fish hitting A 27's, bananas and umbrellas. A lot of tuna, roughly 25 mis out of jones on a 160

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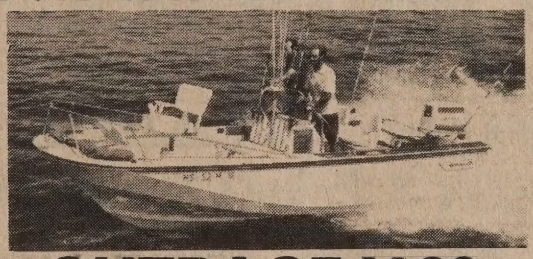

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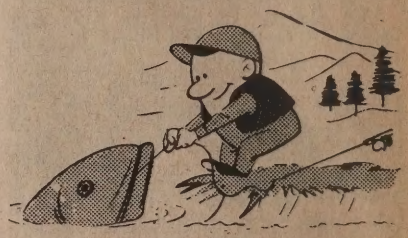

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degree course on red and white feathers and jet lures. One customer had 18 Charlies in one day. Some flounders at the Meadowbrook Bridge on clam and spearing is catching fluke well.

WANTAGH

Frank at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** reports bluefishing very good from 40' on out on umbrellas. He weighed in a 17 lb striper taken on a live eel at the third Wantagh. Marlene Heins of N. Merrick fishing the west end surf took a 26 lb striper on bunker. Weaks at the bridges on worms and also by jigging. Loads of bait in the bay, particularly Tinka mackerel.

BELLMORE

The singing Labrador Retriever at **Merrick Marine Tackle Center** sings out that the fluking is fair in the bay and that the back bays and flats and shoals have been producing best on sand eels and squid. Plenty of blues on umbrellas at the 50' mark. Good catches of tuna being trolled in 110' of water on feathers and cedar jigs. Snappers are thick. Weaks have been caught in the am and at dusk at the mouth of the inlet. Bass in the State channel on bunker. Lots of 2 and 3 lb blues in the State Channel on Sat night which were taken by some night hawks around Zack's Bay on plugs.

MERRICK

LIF's Stu Miller surprised himself by bagging a 4 lb fluke Sun afternoon off the Radio Shack in Jones Inlet using squid strips.

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports the fluke have been spoty this week, but that a 7 lb 1 oz fluke was taken by Ed Prelakewicz of Flushing and a 9 lbr was taken by another angler. This was all in the Ned's Creek and Broad Creek areas south of the station on killies. Carmen's Cut and Merrick Point have given forth fair catches with one rental returning with 23 keepers on killies. Denis Newman had a 16 lb striper Sun while on Sat he bracketed it with 15 and 17 lbrs. plus a 9 lb weakfish. This was all on drifted live bunker. Blues have been very good from the end of the jetty to 70' on out on umbrellas, diamond jigs, fish running from 2-7 lbs. Tuna have been taken in the area of the HA.

BALDWIN

Arthur Street Fishing Station tells us that there were fair catches of fluke this week in Reynolds Channel between buoys 4 and 17 on killie-squid combos. Another hammerhead and some blue shark were taken by Jim Johnson, but Jim also lost a big mako this weekend. Mike Sullivan and crew also fought and dropped a mako that was 8 or 9 ft. in length.

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FREEPORT

The Acme II reports that on Friday Otto Schaedlich and group made their annual Bluefish trip down from Poughkeepsie. They boated 25 blues before clearing Jones Inlet' buoy 4 and fished right outside the inlet until 11 am bagging up on small blues. They then went 14 mi due south and chummed up a solid mass of 15 lb aligators using bananas A27's, butter fish and smelt. Walt said the fish never stopped coming and when he blew the whistle, 4 more fish came up and others followed. Walt says it's the most fantastic bluefishing he has seen for the 2nd time this year.

Charterboat Shalidon called to tell us that Tues' charter for Don Rudolph of Valley Stream trolled and jigged over 40 blues from 5-8 lbs plus 2 bonito at Scotland.

Charterboat **Blue Fin II** called to tell us that Fri's Charter for United Airlines jigged blues SE of the inlet 4 mi off the beach to 12 lbs and that Fri nights charter with Capt. Warren Clyne at the wheel also chummed blues NE ofCholera. Sat's trip saw great bluefish action and the boat was back at the dock at 2:30 pm. They had between 600 and 700 lbs of blues to 15 lbs fishing S of the inlet on chum and butterfish. Sun's charter also saw blues up to 13 lbs taken working 9 mi south of the inlet. Capt. Sy says that he has a few night weekend trips open on the **Blue Fin II**.

Charterboat **Sea Hawk** called to tell us that Sat's charter for Ed Kluchnick got tuna up to 10 lbs in the afternoon working 125' of water. Sun's charter for Mr. Grasso saw a 200 lb hammarhead caught on bonito and some 10 lb tuna also taken in 120' of water south of the HA. A 200 plus lb mako was hooked and fought for ½ hr and then lost when one of the party tightened up on the drag when no one was looking.

Charterboat **Apus** called and

Ms. Linda Kruck of Bayside took this 100 lb. mako at the HA Buoy, aboard the "Kim" out of Atlantic Beach.

reported that the bluefishing in the beginning of the week was good, that he fished 35' of water to 80' trolling umbrellas. Fish was scattered but they managed a couple of dozen per trip. Sharking was fair to good this past week with many large duskies. On Sunday Ron White,BillBalestraus, Ed McDermott, Mike Durante, Jim A and Walter Salewski had 3 duskies between 150-200 lbs fishing in 240' of water S of the HA on whole mackerel.

Charterboat **Night Owl** called to tell us that Sun's charter saw a total of 10 sharks brought to the boat, browns and duskies up to 175 lbs - the others were in the 100 lb range. The big shark was taken on whole bonito. Fishing were Al Burko, Walt Spencer, and George Nickels. Earlier in the week a charter for Lou Malik had a 9 lb dolphin 2 bonito some 15 lb tuna and a 70lb brown shark.

Greg at **Sea Isle Sports** reports good tuna fishing in 110-160' of water on jet heads and feathers. Plenty of blues around the JI buoy. On Friday Greg had 35 small blues fishing the tip of the jetty on small umbrellas and also at the Meadowbrook bridge. The schools are always moving. Some weaks at the Meadowbrook on sandworms or the best bait being live mackerel or live snapper. The sharking is holding up offshore while fluking improved this past week in local creeks and channels and in the inlet as well. Some flounder still being taken in Swift Creek. Greg says that the **Miss Freeport** had some decent

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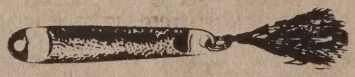

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Surf Side:
DRIFTING FROM THE BEACH
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current. If nothing happens shortly after this, I reel in and repeat. Most hits seem to come at the beginning of the drift. And as with drifting from a boat, mixed bags are possible here, too. Add a 2/0 bait holder hook on a two foot leader and tie it on at the right distance to clear the top porgy hook. A strip of squid or other strip bait, or a whole sand worm may take a fluke, weak, or bluefish.

During August and September, porgies will be the dominant fish caught on the bottom. As the weather cools a bit, increasing numbers of blackfish will inhabit the same rocky and mussel strewn areas. Many fall tautog in the Sound are the kind you often read about being caught at offshore wrecks—six to ten pounds.

To catch blackfish from the beaches, switch to #4 to #6 Virginia hooks on twelve inch leaders of thirty pound test. Rig up the same way you did for porgies. Replace the sand worm with fiddler crabs or green crabs. Many fishermen break the large fiddler claw, insert the hook through its socket and out the carapace. I prefer to leave the crab intact and hook it through the tail end of the carapace. This allows the crab to wiggle its claws and increases visibility. Green crabs should be cut in half or quartered if larger. Remove all the claws and outer shell. Hook it through one socket and out another, or exit at any hard part of the bait. Be prepared for some stubborn resistance and a great deal of bottom plunging power if you hook a large one. In general, the best hours, tides, and weather for porgies apply to blackfish, but if you continue fishing in the fall, cooler daytime hours will be as productive as dawn or dusk.

For the moment, periods of low visibility and cooler temperatures are best. A bonus will be some of the most glorious sunrises and sunsets of the year.

catches on Sun working the jones Inlet.

Charterboat **Lucky Strike** called to tell us that he trolled a box full of 8-10 lb blues and chummed others at Colera on Sun's trip saw good fluking - fish 3-5 lbs in Jones Inlet for a decent catch on squid, sandeels and killies.

Captain Richie of the **Starstream II** reports good night bluefishing at the Three Sisters wreck, the Jones Beach Tower and at the Cholera Banks. The fish are averaging 3 to 6 lbs., with an occasional fish of 8-12 lbs. being taken. The boat will start fishing for blues daily at 6:30 a.m. and will continue with the night trips at 7 PM.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports fluking has picked up. A 5 lb. 2 oz. fluke was caught on Sunday by Big Nick of Freeport on his boat Roe, and he took the July fluke tournament for the $40 prize. Best this week has been Jones Inlet at the change of tide on spearing and squid. A good catch of 25 fat flounder up to 2 lbs. was taken from the northwest corner of Meadowbrook Bridge on worms by one rental skiff.

Freeport Boatmen's Association tells us the blues are still good news from the JI to the Cholera on chum, jigs and umbrellas, with the bigger fish being further off the beach. The sharking remained good all week and there have been very good catches of bonito and football tuna in the 15-20 lb. range all week long. On Saturday, the Big Foot bagged a 150 lb. bluefin tuna. The fluking remains fair in the local waters.

The Capt. Al reports that the bluefishing during the day has been fair to excellent from Jones Inlet to the Highlands jigging, while the night trips have been excellent chumming at Colera just a short distance from the inlet. fish are mixed sizes from 5-10 lbs.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports that Bruno Graviec and Tom Mazur of NJ had a good catch of fluke up to 4 lbs fishing the flats on Sunday with sandeels and spearing. Good catches were also had at buoys 18 and 16. Some good sized flounder are still to be had at Swift Creek and buoys 14 and 15. Blacks at the Meadowbrook bridge on fiddlers, clams or worms. Snappers starting along Reynolds Channel . Lots of small blues on the top at the Bridge.

The Marie III reports very good bluefishing on jigs, umbrellas and bait from 2-14 lbs from Lido to the tower from 50' to the Cholera. Good offshore fishing also for shark, tuna, bonito, and skipjack on feathers and cedar jigs.

Scotty's Marina reports good fluke action on killies and sand eels in Reynold's Channel, at the Point Lookout Bridge and in the inlet. Some small flounder can still be taken at buoys 14 and 15. Blackfish are hitting fiddlers and green crabs at the Rota Wreck, T wreck and Meadowbrook Bridge. Six to twelve pound weakfish are being jigged off the Jones Beach jetties. Bluefish from 3 to 10 lbs. are being taken southeast of the inlet in 20 to 100 ft. of water. These fish are being trolled on Bananas.

Charter boat **Sea Mist** called to tell us that Thursday's party from Selden had three makos up to 150 lbs., fishing in 135 ft. of water south of Moriches Inlet with bonito and bluefin tuna mixed in. Capt. Fred advises that he still has a few open weekdays available.

ISLAND PARK

Beckman's Tackle reports that blues averaging 3 lbs. and running up to 16 lbs. and weakfish from 5 to 8 lbs. are being trolled and jigged in 30 to 40 ft. of water from Rockaway Playland to the Breezy Point jetty. On Saturday, boaters did well offshore with tuna from 10 to 20 lbs., taken on trolled cedar jigs and feathers. Bass from 3 to 17 lbs. were taken during the week at night on clam bellies at the Meadowbrook and Atlantic Beach Bridge.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina reports that last week Tracy Haag, Patricia Gentilesco and Bernie Haag caught 40 fluke on sand eels at the top of the incoming tide in Reynolds Channel. Blues from 3-4 lbs. are being taken with the fluke in Reynolds Channel and both are hitting tinker mackerel and small snappers. Bluefish up to 11 lbs. are being taken trolling and jigging offshore at the Tin Can ground.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the **Kim** tells us that the Tin Can is producing now, big bonito on the troll between Playland and Breezy Pt along with blues, weaks and an occasional bass all on umbrellas. Shark action has dropped slightly this past week says Ronnie. Female angler Mary Barnett fishing aboard Oscar Amerosa's Atlantic Beach charterboat the **marlin** at the Canyon this weekend got a 200 plus swordfish this weekend which is rare for a Debs Inlet boat. They also got long and yellow fin tuna plue Tile on the trip. The marlin was taken at night using "a Florida method". Lots of tuna being trolled at the HA. A Charlie of 105 lbs was caught by Tom Krelli on his boat the **Striper** on feathers.

Henning's Fishing Station reports that fluke are being taken in Reynolds Channel and in East Rockaway Inlet up to 5 lbs. on sand eels, spearing and squid. Bluefish from 1 to 5 lbs., are hitting jigs in the same area as above. The Tin Can Grounds and Rockaway Playland are producing weakfish from 6 to 8 lbs. and blues from 1 to 10 lbs. on jigs, Bananas and Banana Splits. The Canyon is producing swordfish, albacore and yellowfin tuna and snappers are starting to show in the bay. The HA Buoy is producing blues and sharks and tuna from football size to over 250 lbs. are being taken at the Mud Hole.

Gary Redavil, took this nice bluefish of 10 lbs. 2 oz. fishing Pier 8 with bunker bait. Photo courtesy of Santo's Sport Shop.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Charterboat **Babe** Called to tell us that Sun's charter for Joe and Larry from Big Apple Messenger Service trolled 50 plus blues locally and picked away steadily at them on umbrellas.

Guy Diblasio called and told us that blues are being caught off the belt parkway at the V. BRIDGE and most boats are doing very well on jigs bananas and umbrellas. 6-8 lb weakfish are being taken at the Staten Island side at buoy 26 using Ava 27's. Bass, blues and weaks are still being taken under the marine parkway bridge and boats are doing well on blues in the Sandy Hook area. At Nortons Pt, anchoring and fishing fresh bunker on the bottom is taking big blues up to 18 lbs.

Last Thursday night your reporter fished for blues aboard Capt. Fred Ardolino's **Enterprise**. The area of the Farms produced fish in very good quantity that evening from 4-8 lbs on smelts. There was real pandamonium on the boat as big blues swung through the air and beat the decks bloody. A catch somewhere around 250 fish was made that night with yours truly decking 9. For anyone who has not tried night bluefishing, this is something you really should not miss. Action is fast paced when the fish are coming and 3 or 4 are on at once.

Sal at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** report that the local private boats are getting a lot of blues on smelt and bunker fishing Norton's Point, off Manhattan Beach and off Coney Island. Some weakfish have been taken and bass on bellies, worm and clam taken in the same area as the blues. Some fluke off Coney Island Norton's Point and in the channels or

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Marks Fishing Tackle in Manhattan reports that Nick Balamaci of the Bronx caught a 14 lb stripe bass at the Breezy Pt jetty over the weekend on sandworms fishing 100 yds east of the jetty. ..

The **Elsie K III** reports that fluke action was slow on Saturday, but picked up on Sunday. High hook on Sunday was Bill Harris with 17 nice fluke averaging 2-3 lbs. Average catch ran from five to ten fish per person with a pool fish of 5 lbs. These fish were taken along the Jersey Coast on sand eels.

The **Big Mohawk II** reports good bluefishing from the back side of Ambrose to Seabright. These fish were taken on jigs and averaged 1½-3 lbs. Night fishing on the rocks off Seabright is producing 10-12 lb. blues on bait and chum. On Wednesday of last week, the Thrift Pharmacy had a party of 24 out and took over 250 fish from 8-12 lbs. The boat has some choice available dates for night trips. See Ad for details.

The **Blue Sea III** reports excellent bluefishing with bait and jigs off of Seabright. On Saturday, high hook took 30-40 fish averaging 3-4 lbs. Pool fish ran to 8 lbs. On Sunday, the boat fished off Deal and Alberon for fluke. Average catch ran from 4-6 keeper fluke per person with high hook taking 11 fish. These fish took shiners and smelts and a pool fish of 10 lbs. was taken.

The **Zephyr** reports that on Saturday the boat fished off of Long Branch and Alberon and did very good on the sea bass. Average catches for the day ran 1/2 to 1 full pail of fish per person. On Sunday, the action slowed.

JAMAICA BAY

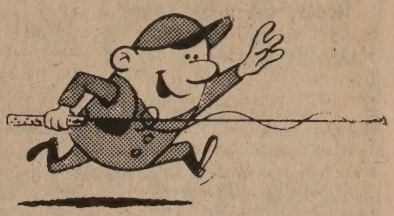
Cross Bay Bait and Tackle reports that Jose Ramos of Brooklyn took a 35 lb. striped bass at Riis Park on a live mackerel early in the morning. Snappers starting to show at the South Channel bridge. Porgy and fluke action has been good at both north and south channel bridges.

T & G Bait & Tackle called to say there are plenty of porgies being caught at both the north and south channel bridge on sand worms. Bluefish and weakfish are still being picked up at night at the north channel bridge with sand worms.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports that a steady pick of blues from 10 to 12 lbs. can be taken on bunker bait at South Beach, Ft. Wadsworth and the Burger Avenue storm sewer. Weakfish from 7 to 8 lbs. are mixed in and are also hitting bunker bait. Fluke can be found at the storm sewers at both South Beach and Burger Avenue and are hitting squid and sand eels. Cliff Street is producing small bass on bucktails and Kastmasters during the outgoing tide. These are mostly shorts, with keepers running 3-4 lbs.

Small snappers are starting to show in Great Kills park and porgies and spots are also being taken here. The rock jetty at Great Kills park is producing small blues and some fluke. Boaters are taking weakfish from 7 to 8 lbs. with a few 10 to 12 lbrs. at buoy 4 Annadale and buoy 20 in Princess Bay. These fish are taking red and green tubes and drifted sand worms. Small bluefish from 3-5 lbs., are hitting single tubes, gorilla rigs and umbrella rigs at Mt. Loretta. There is a slow pick of 10 to 15 lb. bluefish from the VZ Bridge to Norton's Point. These fish are hitting umbrella rigs or bunker spoons.



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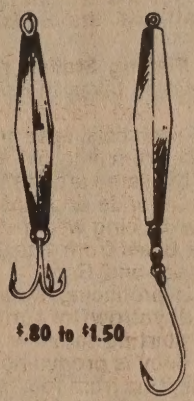

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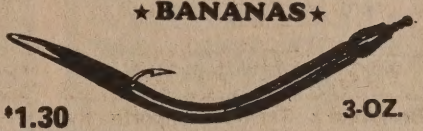

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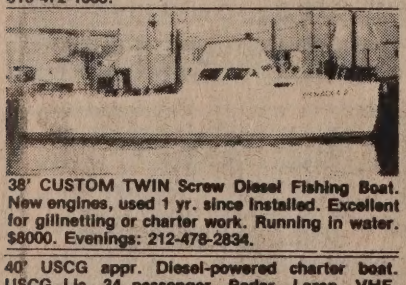

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ORIENT POINT

Rick Hawkins bagged 7 stripers from 20-61 lbs fishing the Race with live bait.

The Betty W tells us they have been fishing for blues and weaks with good results. Blues are in the 3-4 lb range and larger blues in the 8-12 lb category are showing in increasing numbers. Weaks anywhere from 6-10 lbs are also being taken. Fishing has been steady and all this action takes place at Mt. Misery Shoals and buoy 9.

GREENPORT

A. P. White Bait Shop reports good porgy fishing at both Fisher and Gardiners Island. These fish are mixed size with some big humpback mixed in. Fluke from 5-8 lbs are hitting sandeels, shiners and squid on the east side of the Ruins. Blackfish up to 6 lbs are taking fiddlers, greencrabs and worms at Gull and Plum Islands. Stripe bass are being taken at night on umbrellas, surg tubes and bait on Gull and Plu Islands. Blues and bass are hitting plugs along the beaches from Orient to Greenport.

Capt. George Porter of the **BRAND X** reports very good porgy fishing at both Fishers Island and Gradiners Island, but mainly at Fishers. Fish are mixed going to 3½ lbs on worm and clam. Also lots of flounders being picked up at Fishers up to 4 lbs 8 ozs last week.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt reported the best spot in the bay for porgies was just west of South Ferry. Lots of boats came back with good catches including one with 100 fish. There was also a catch of 100 fish taken by byoy 16 this past St. In the sound, one private boat came in with 207 porgies of mixed sizes up to 2 lbs 3 oz. Blackfish sharpies are still taking fish up to 7 lbs, at the Orient Light. One good bet for bigger fluke was just west of Orient Point Station.

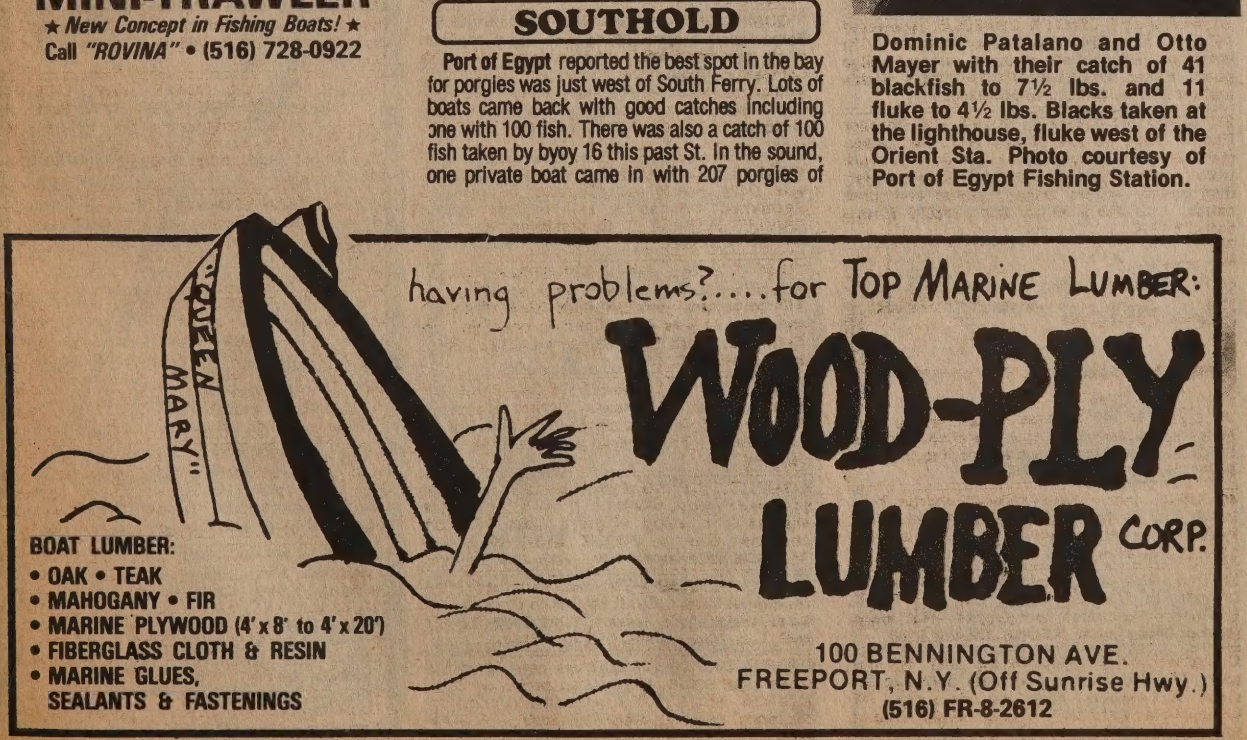
NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports that weakfish up to 5 lbs and porgies are being taken in the S.Race-buoy 25 and on the West side of Robbins Island on squid and sandworms. Blackfish are hitting skimmers and fiddlers at buoy 22 and 25. Kingfish up to 2 lbs are taking worms and skimmers at buoys 25,28 and 29 and on the W. Side of Robbins Island. Some blowfish have been showing up in the area.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center reported some big bass taken over the weekend on live mackerel. One fellow brought in fish of 59, 57-4 and a third one of unknown weight. Best the shop could offer was the fish were taken somewhere in Gardiner's Bay. Getting the macs is the tough

Dominic Patalano and Otto Mayer with their catch of 41 blackfish to 7½ lbs. and 11 fluke to 4½ lbs. Blacks taken at the lighthouse, fluke west of the Orient Sta. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt Fishing Station.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part. Still some weaks in the South Race. They're hitting squid on a high hook, with the bottom bait for porgies. Blackfish to 7 lbs in the rocks off Northville. One fellow who works in the shop took 14 fluke to 3 lbs just east of Shinnecock Inlet last Monday. Blues are out by buoy 5. The fishing is steady, but nowhere near what it was two weeks ago.

ROCKY POINT

Rocky Point Fishing Stop reports good fluke fishing at the outer bars at Cedar and Sound beaches. These fish are hitting sandeels, squid and tinker mackerel and are running from 3-4 lbs. Bluefishing is holding up at Mt Misery Shoals and buoys 11 and 9. These fish are running 3-5 lbs and 7-8 lb weaks are underneath the schools. Porgies up to 1¼ are everywhere and hitting sandwroms and clams.

NOYAC

On Sat 9 yr old Michelle Cooper from Noyac caught a 50 lb blueshark south of Shinnecock Inlet chumrning in 140' of water with the help of her brother michel.

Noyac Marina reports fishing is a little on the slow side with porgies being the main catch. Best porgy catches have been had at buoys 16 and 17 on sandworms. Some weaks are still around. Helen Lainen of Noyac caught a 7¼ lb weak on a jig. Some blues have been hitting this past week late in the afternoon.

SAG HARBOR

Bayview Fishing Station reports that they are still getting good catches of porgies at Meshamuck and Cedar Point on worms, clam and squid and snappers are starting.

Specs Bait & Tackle in Southampton (don't miss their new sign) tells us that there have been bluesa in Shinnecock Inlet in the 2-3 lb range early in the week that have been eager for green surge tubes. Heady has been another good spot. Cedar Pt and Shelter Island have been producing good porgy catches on clam and worm. Snappers are in and growing. One lbrs have been taken at the nationals. Fluke still being caught in the east and west channels at Shinnecock and there has been a report of a Montauk netter taking a 110 lb tarpon in his net.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND
★ **BEST BET** ★
BLUEFISH

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Ralph's Fishing Station reports that bluefish are being trolled and jigged between buoys 11 and 9. These fish are running between 4-6 lbs with an occasional 12 lbr. Fluke are being taken along the shore and at buoy 11 and 9 from 2-4 lbs on drifted sandeels, killies, squid and small mackerel and snappers. Porgies up to 1½ lbs are taking worms and skimmers in this area.

PORT JEFFERSON

Richie at **Port Jeff Sports** reports blues and weaks being caught at buoys 9 and 11 on Tri-Fin Sand Eel Jigs, A-27s and A-47s. Fluke are being taken in boats fishing off the Miller Place Beach on sand eels and squid, fish ranging from keepers to semi-doormats around 10 lbs. Porgies are being taken on worms off Cedar Beach.

Caraftis Fishing Station reported still blues and weaks by #11 though the fishing was slow over the weekend. Porgies between Old Field Point and Cranes Neck. For fluke, try Mt. Misery Shoal or about 1000 feet off Flax Pond or in closer to the little inlet. Snappers are starting to get a little size to them.

KINGS PARK

Bob at **Mae's Way Fishing Station** reports that on Sat Sal and Paul Bruno took 2 doz blues and weaks to 12 lbs on diamond jigs and popping plugs off the mouth of the river. Norman Swartz took 6 blues and weaks fishing off the mouth of Porpoise Channel. Boats that are porgy fishing are averaging 50-75 lbs of fish on worms and skimmer clams. There are small snappers starting to show and loads of tinker mackerel can be found in the area.

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Vickie Ferraro of Huntington Sta. took these bass of 28, 15 and 8 lbs., on a white umbrella rig fishing the Elbow at Montauk. Photo courtesy of Ronnie's Bait & Tackle.

NORTHPORT

Bowmans Sporting goods reports that Fred Budzius Jr. fished off Lloyds Pt with diamond jigs and took 6 4 lb weakfish and 6 bluefish. These fish are also being taken on umbrella rigs single tubes and bananas off Lloyds Pt, buoy 15 and Eatons Neck and 11B. Some early morning bluefish action can be found at the Rip off Eatons Neck. Fluke from 3-5 lbs are taking squid and sand eel combos at Sand City and at buoy 6 in the harbor. Porgies can be found at Sand City , in the sound and in the harbor.

HUNTINGTON

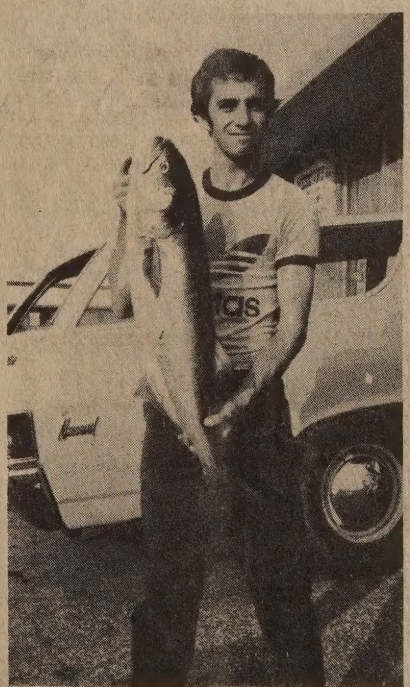
Ronnie's Bait and Tackle reports that Lou Esposito took 12 bluefish from 3-6 lbs and 11 4 fluke trolling black umbrellas at Eatons Neck. Tony Carioli took 10 weakfish to 10 and4 lbs and 15 bluefish on black and red umbrellas at Lloyds Pt. Weakfish are being taken at Lloyds Pt on diamond jigs and umbrellas during the day and drifted worms during the night. Eatons Neck and the Obstruction Buoy are producing blues, a few weaks an occasional bass on umbrellas and jigs. Fluke up to 8 lbs are being taken on sandeels and squid at buoy 13. Porgies are hitting cut bait at Marshall Field, Eatons Neck and Callahans. Snappers are starting to show in both Huntington and Centerport Harbors.

Charterboat **Foxy Lady** called and states that bluefishing in the sound is still holding up with larger fish now showing. Thur's charter with the Maze family boated a number of fish off Eatons Neck with Pop Maze leading the family with a 13 lbr. On Friday the big choppers were even more cooperative with Mark Stephens and Dad boating fish up to 15 lbs along with several weaks. Most of the action for the larger fish seems to be buoy 15 on umbrellas or A'27s.

Four Winds Bait and Tackle tells us the blues and weaks remain excellent off buoy 15, Lloyds Pt and the Obstruction buoy off Eatons Neck on umbrellas, Ava 27's, 47's and Scotty rigs. 6-10 lb weaks are under the blues. Pete Martin Jr. had a 23 and 27 lb striper off Marshall Field on live bunker. Fred Ferrari had a couple of nice flue on Sat., to be precise, an 8 lb 3 oz and a ten lbr on sand eels and squid off Eatons Neck. Porgy fishing remains good inside Northport Bay between Sand City and Duck Island using worms. Action was also good between Target Rock and Marshall Field.

The **Ever Ready** reports that the bluefishing this past week continues tremendous. Many, many fish were decked and others broke lines. Gary Louis of Smithtown took Sun's pool with an 11 lb blue. Some weaks are being taken amongst the blues as evidenced by a pair of 14 lbrs taken on Sat mornings blufish run along with blues. Bottom trips are producing blues, porgies, flounders and a 10 lb blackfish was also hung on an Ava 27 diamond jig.

The Huntington Anglers Bass and Weak Contest this past weekend was run against the **Mill River Rod and Gun Club of Bayville**. No bass were weighed in for either club but 3 nice weaks were, largest being an 8 lb 2 ozr taken by Dick Deasy who alwo caught a 7 lb 10 oz weak. His son John won 2nd prize with a 7 lb 11 oz weak. All were caught on wire line and umbrellas at Diamond Pt.



Kevin Koncelik with a 13 lb. bluefish taken at South Beach on a white Danny swimmer. Photo courtesy of Santo's Sport Shop.

Robert Gibson caught this 7 lb. fluke aboard the City Island party boat "Ebb Tide."

NORTH SHORE WEST END

★ BEST BET ★ BLUEFISH

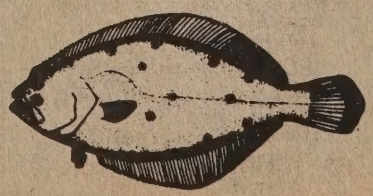
BAYVILLE

Norm's Bait and Tackle reports that porgies of mixed size are being taken in good quantities in this area. Lloyds Neck is producing 3-5 lb bluefish and weakfishing here is improving.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Tackle Shop reported the blues were in around Throgs neck Bridge and Stepping Stone Light over the weekend. Most of the fish went 2 to 5 lbs. Jack didn't see any bigger fish. Tony Staras took two weaks around 10 lbs apiece, trolling white bucktails off the south side of Hart's Island. His brother, Andy took a decent mess of bass the same way in the same spot. The fish went 4-6 lbs, with a couple 15 lbrs. Porgies are moving around a lot, perhaps being pushed by the blues. One day there in one spot, but gone the next. Plenty of small snappers around which should be the start of that popular summer sport.

The Ebb Tide reports that they are getting a lot of porgies from 3/4 to 1½ lbs on sandworms and also decent flounder catches from 3/4 of a lb on up on sands. They are working Lloyds Pt



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